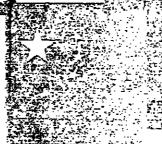
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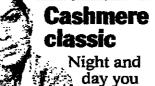
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By Alexandra Frean AND ARTHUR LEATHLES A CARD-CARRYING Tory millionaire who is a former chairman of London Weekend Television was named yester-

day as the new chairman of

Sir Christopher Bland re-places Marmaduke Hussey. 72, who has held the job for nine-and-a-half years and is standing down at the end of

March, six months before his

Sir Christopher, 57, will

have the fraught task of main-

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In a foretaste of battles to

come, the Labour Party lead-

ership complained last night

that it had not been consulted

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Bidding Auntie farewell:

Marmaduke Hussey looks

back over his ten years as

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Conservative Party member

and former London councillor

as chairman of the corpora-

Labour has expressed in-

creasing concern that the BBC's political coverage

might be swayed by pressure

Sir Christopher said last

exerted by senior Tories.

general election.

Silence broken on domestic politics

Thatcher tells Tories to keep to Right

By Nicholas Wood, Chief Political Correspondent

BARONESS THATCHER will line up with the Right in the battle for the Conservative Party's future tomorrow with a warning that it cannot win

by "lurching to the left".

And she will risk fuelling the feuding within the party by declaring that the Tories have not been as true to their principles as they might have been in the past few years.

The warnings will come when Lady Thatcher delivers the Keith Joseph memorial lecture - her first set-piece speech on domestic politics nce she was ousted from office more than five years

She will tell an invited audience of 300, including the Cabinet Eurosceptics Michael Portilio and Peter Lilley, that the party must stick to the

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radical right-wing agenda she carved out for it with the late Sir Keith in the 1970s.

That, she will say, means holding fast to policies of low taxation, low spending, get-ting the state off the backs of the people, free markets and expanding consumer choice and opportunity.

But Lady Thatcher will not renew her criticism of John Major, whom she described in her memoirs as "drifting with the tide" and whom she failed to back unequivocally in the leadership contest last summer. Sources close to her said that her speech would be the most supportive of the Prime Minister that she had ever delivered.

Lady Thatcher also denied reports received by The Times that she was deeply pessimistic about the Conservatives' chances at the election and that she believed that Tony Blair was almost certain to win. She said: "It is certainly not inevitable that the Labour party will win the next election. In view of the lack of substance of the Leader of the Opposition's recent speeches, I believe that the chances of the Conservative party winning

the next election improve by the day. It is understood that Lad Thatcher will devote a significant part of her speech to an attack on Mr Blair. While she is understood to admire his courage in overhauling his party and reconciling himself and his party to many of her reforms, she will say that a Labour government would be disastrous for the country, pushing up taxes and

spending. Lady Thatcher's speech will come against the background of mounting despair among many ministers and Conservative MPs about their chances of preventing Labour from winning a handsome election victory. But some ministers are still pinning their hopes of a revival on a combination of rising living standards over the next 12 months and "flushing out" Mr

One said yesterday: "The more speeches Mr Blair makes like his stakeholder nonsense in Singapore, the better for us. Once the country sees what he's got in store for them, they will think again. But if he's got any sense he'll keep it vague and rely on warm feelings to waft him into

power."
Lady Thatcher has made many speeches overseas to raise funds for her foundation

since leaving office and she

has given interviews at home and abroad, but her lecture tomorrow evening will be her first considered attempt to address the future of the party she led for 15 years. She will do so at a conter-

ence organised by the Centre for Policy Studies, the rightwing "think tank" she helped Sir Keith to launch in the 1970s, and her speech will be in honour of the man who was her intellectural mentor.

Besides Mr Portillo and Mr Lilley, the audience will include John Redwood, Michael Forsyth, the Scottish Secretary; the former party chairmen Kenneth Baker and Lord Tebbit, and Iain Duncan-Smith, a rising star of the Eurosceptic Right.

Leading businessmen and bankers will also be present. But Mr Major, a patron of the CPS, has not been invited to what is clearly a gathering of the clans of the Tory Right for fear of embarrassing him. Lady Thatcher was still

writing her speech last night, and it was unclear how far she go in repeating her strongly sceptical views of Europe. Mr Major will hope that she avoids inflaming the debate, which has reached fever pitch since Emma Nicholson defected to the Liberal Democrats declaring that the party was "lurching to the right" and condemning Mr Major's "catastrophic dillydallying".

But close confidants of the former Prime Minister said it was inconceivable that she would refrain from spelling out her vehement opposition to a single currency and her backing for a referendum on closer European ties. "From the Government's point of view, it will be a tough one."

one insider said. As recently as last summer in a television interview in Washington, she came out strongly against a single European currency and, in private, she has been expressing dismay about the renewed push towards integration seen at the Madrid summit.

Her speech will certainly be boost for Mr Portillo, who has complained of a left-wing campaign against him since Miss Nicholson's defection. Yesterday Miss Nicholson renewed her attacks on the Defence Secretary as she prepared to take her seat on the opposition benches for the first time. She called him a cowardly creep and complained that the Tories were being pulled along by "the Portillo gang" who were creating a sect



Hostages huddle together at the hospital in Kizlvar. The town itself has been sealed off by Russian troops.

Chechen rebels hold 2,000

FROM THOMAS DE WAAL IN MOSCOW



Raduyev: ready to



The hostage seizure is a virtual carbon copy of the attack on the southern Russian town of Budennovsk last June when more than 2,000 hostages were held captive and about 150 people died. Then the gunmen negotiated their own free passage from the town, but this time the Russian Government has sealed off Kizlyar, a town of

A hoarse and angry Presimeeting of his top ministers vesterday and accused them of laxity. In television pictures they sat in silence while he told them that information had come in warning of an impending attack, but it had been ignored. As at Budennovsk, a group of fighters who are supposedly hemmed in inside the southern mountains of Chechenia had managed to travel across Russian-held territory and pass through dozens of checkpoints.

"It would seem that the power structures, ministries, government and security council and border guards have not drawn any lessons from previous events," Mr Yeltsin said, jabbing his thumb on the table. "To let them travel such a long way when they had prior information about this group! How should we understand you generals?" the President went on. "Are you playing with

It seems unlikely that Mr Yeltsin, who was away at the G-7 summit during the Budennovsk crisis, will allow the fighters to escape. He is deeply unpopular in the runup to presidential elections this summer. "If any lesson is to be had from Budennovsk it is that in the end negotiations lead to nothing," said Alek-

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The Chechen fighters are a

daredevil group, who are al-most certainly ready to die for

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forces and the Government of

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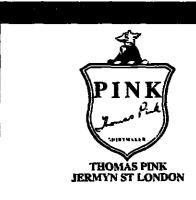
night that he had no intention of renewing his party membership when it expired at the end of March. "My job is to look after the impartiality of with the military newspaper the BBC and I can no longer be a member of a political Krasnaya Zvezda. No journalists were allowed into Kizlyar last night, suggesting that the army might be

He added: "I had always dreamt of becoming chairman of the BBC, but it is not the kind of job you apply for. My main aims will be to maintain the independence, impartiality and strength of the BBC." The appointment increases

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BBC's Director General and a

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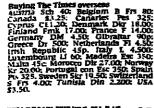
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How a £12,000 casket improved between auctions

RUSSIA faced a mass hostage

Chechen rebels held some

2.000 people inside a hospital

hostages and threatened to kill

them all if Moscow did not

pull its troops out of

Chechenia and the rest of the

North Caucasus. After night-

fall shooting was heard on the

streets outside the hospital.

Ten civilians, seven policemen

and seven Chechen gunmen

Speaking on Russian television. Mr Raduyev, 28, bearded and calling himself the "Lone Wolf", said he and

more than 500 other fighters

had entered Kizlyar in order to

attack a group of military helicopters at the local airfield:

We got held up a little in the

town intending to liquidate the military base." Mr Raduyev

used to be the mayor of the Chechen town of Gudermes,

the site of heavy fighting last month — and the raid may

"We are carrying out orders s soldiers of General

as soldiers of General Dudayev," he said. "We are

ready to carry out any of his

orders. Until Russia recog-nizes Dudayev as the presi-

dent of Chechenia-Ichkeria,

there will be more Budennovsks and Kizlyars."

well be a revenge attack.

were reported killed.

of Kizlvar.

By Dalya Alberge

SOTHEBY'S was last night investigating the £105,000 sale of an ornate baroque casket after a number of experts expressed concern that it was a fake. The precious antique, decorated with cherubs and lapis lazuli, was sold by the auction house last December. Sotheby's catalogue entry described it as shaped like a pentagonal sarcophagus with elaborate scrolling mounts that seem directly influenced by the work of Bernini and his workshop: "The wood carcase [is] veneered with lapis lazuli



and applied with gilt bronze



The Lovejoy treatment: the casket before and after

scrolling mounts wrought with swags and garlands heightened with silver bead



lid (are) mounted with a seated

silver cherub." However last night some museum experts agreed with the respected Art Newspaper

logue said that the piece may originally have been embellished with figures and semiprecious stones. The description compiled by Christie's, which sold the casket to an Italian dealer, noted the inspiration of Bernini and one of his contemporaries,

piece which Christie's sold for £12,000 three years ago —

without the cherubs or the

lapis lazuli. The 1992 cata-

Francesco Borromini: This baroque casket, with its scalloped pentagonal form, asym-metrically scrolled feet, pilasters and scallop-shell handle-plates, was originally

examined very carefully, we can't draw any conclusions. SPORT43-46, 48 FASHION14 HOMES21

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WPC denies smuggling gold in £20m **VAT** swindle

By A STAFF REPORTER

A POLICEWOMAN confessed to her boyfriend that she was part of a £20 million gold smuggling operation, a court was told yesterday. She was also said in a letter to him to have described one of her trips to Belgium, where the bullion was bought, as provid-ing a "little extra cash" and a change from my normal,

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WPC Lucy Gilmore, 25, of Bridgnorth, Shropshire, who was stationed at Telford at the time, is said to have made at least four cross-Channel trips to smuggle in gold. She denies conspiracy to cheat by evading the Value Added Tax due on the bullion.

In the dock with her at Knightsbridge Crown Court is Surrinder Kumar, 32, of Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands, who is alleged to have been a prolific courier during the 18-month operation. He also

denies the charge.
Peter Rook, QC, for the prosecution, said Gilmore's father Michael, 53, of Crathie. Grampian, who has admitted his part in the swindle, was one of a number of couriers who made some 24 cross-Channel smuggling trips. On



Gilmore: accused of

four occasions he was accompanied by his daughter.

Mr Rook said Miss Gilmore's former boyfriend, Robert Davis, would tell the court she travelled to Belgium with her father as often as every other weekend. When he tackled her about the trips, she allegedly told him the "real reason" was to smuggle gold

Mr Rook claimed Miss Gilmore also told Mr Davis how on one occasion she carried some "small" 24-carat. lkg bars from a building to her father's car and then wrapped them in black tape to help to conceal them. Referring to a letter she

from Europe into Britain.

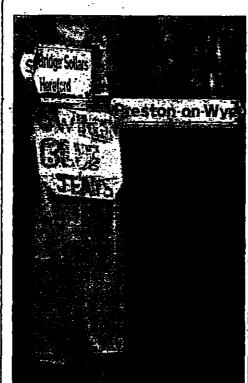
wrote to Mr Davis in which she mentioned being paid, Mr Rook asked: Why would Lucy Gilmore be receiving a little extra cash for going on a trip with her father? The prosecution suggest that was a reward for her services. No doubt Gilmore going with his daughter, her presence helped provide cover for what was

effectively a smuggling trip."
He said the bullion was concealed in cars and never declared to Customs and Excise for VAT purposes. It was then sold on, the profit coming from new owners who paid VAT at 17.5 per cent against the I per cent VAT rate in

Mr Rook told the court that when arrested in August 1994. Miss Gilmore denied any involvement with smuggling. When Mr Kumar was detained, he also denied any involvement and "effectively claimed he was being set up", probably by his brother Jeevan Kanda, who Mr Rook dsaid was "the moving spirit behind this fraud". Mr Kanda was now somewhere abroad. Mr Rook added that forensic examination of the vehicles used revealed traces of "high purity" gold in "natural spaces" behind glove compart-

ments and under rear seats. conspiracy to cheat The trial continues.

Hedgerows mysteriously blossom with home-made sculptures





Signposts to the past, left, direct bemused visitors past bizarre creations to solo performers such as "Loo-lu" and Elton John, above, and down memory lane, right

Village wits pay tribute to rock's golden oldies

By BILL FROST

A MYSTERIOUS bout of nostalgia for fading and forgotten pop icons has gripped a hamlet buried deep in the shires and transformed it into a place of pilgrimage. Every day since the middle

of last month new tributes to old heroes have appeared on verges and in hedgerows beside the road through Preston on Wye (population 250), Hereford and Worcester.

The unknown artists have paid homage to the past with, among other items, a broken lavatory, rubber boots, traffic cones and the lower half of a tailor's dummy.

Tony Dale, a farmer, inad-

vertently launched the craze with a makeshift sign at the roadside warning drivers against "Mud". Hours later another appeared reading "Showaddywaddy", arch chart rivals to the former group Mud in the Seventies. By the following week more than 30 home-made signs and tributes had sprouted. A pair of denims were left dangling from an oak tree with a placard Drivers from surrounding towns crawl through picturesque Preston on Wye to see the latest pop creations

Jeans". A pile of sand was dumped at the roadside, along with some driftwood and pebbles, and labelled "Sandy Shore" — a fair approximation to Sandie

The trunk and legs of a tailor's dummy wearing knickers and a pair of Wellingtons stand provocatively on a verge. The sculpture is titled "Nancy Sinatra", who

30 years ago had a No 1 hit with These Boots Are Made For Walking.

Elsewhere on the mile-long stretch of road, a lavatory has been left with "Loo-lu" painted in large letters around the outside of the bowl A sign pointing to swedes growing in a field says simply: "Abba

Almost as wittily, the latest sign to appear greets motorwith the words "ELO and welcome to Preston". Another recent tribute features two traffic cones nailed to a board bearing the name

"Madonna". There are now more than 60 signs in the village. Other rock dinosaurs recalled include Chicken Shack, Amen Corner and The Hollies. A rain-filled pothole in the road is identified as "Muddy Waters", a wooden saw has been tied to a stake with the words

Sixties rock band The Doors. The decorated "Loo-Lu'

"The Carpenters" and an old

car door has been brightly

painted in honour of the

lavatory has been given an additional interpretation: a dummy perched on accompanied by a large sign decorat-ed with garish sunglasses and the legend "Elton (on the)

Mike Smith, a builder, said that almost every morning and artefacts. "Everybody is trying to find the culprits, but so far there is no one to pin the blame on," he said.

"Some people have said it's dangerous because motorists are slowing down to read the signs, but this is the best traffic-calming measure Preston has ever had. Cars haven't driven through the

village this slowly for years." Mr Smith said that news of the roadside hall of fame had spread far and wide. "People have been turning up from Ewyas Harold, 15 miles away, just to see the signs. Others have been coming from much further off."

Some in Preston detect the hand of Harry Hancox, a retired BT engineer, in the affair. The 64-year-old councillor yesterday denied re-sponsibility. "It's just gone crazy and there are a lot of suspects," he said. "You can see little groups huddling together in the pub, having a

giggle.
"I suspect the last act will be made by the police or the highway authority ... ordering The Move."

Protest at quashing of drink-drive sentence

By Richard Ford HOME CORRESPONDENT

MAGISTRATES and court clerks protested yesterday at a ruling by the Court of Appeal that quashed a prison sentence imposed on a drinkdriver who was four times over the limit. Road safety campaigners said the judgment could lead to drivers who were well above the legal limit

avoiding imprisonment.
Their objection came after Mr Justice Sachs described a two-month sentence given to Arthur Cook, a Royal Mail van driver, as "utterly inappropriate" and added: "It can never be appropriate to send a man for this criminality, at the lower end of the scale as it is,

Mr Justice Sachs, the first High Court judge appointed from outside the ranks of the Bar, said: "There are other perfectly appropriate ways of dealing with people who drive with excess alcohol."

Cook, 37, from Yardley, Birmingham, was sentenced at the city's Crown Court last

July after his MG Metro car collided with a BMW. He was also banned from driving for four years after he admitted driving with 140 micrograms of alcohol in 100 millilitres of breath. The legal limit is

The Court of Appeal re-placed the jail term with a £500 fine, reduced the disqualification to two years, and removed a requirement that

he retake a driving test. Mr Justice Sachs described Cook as a man of "impeccable character" with no previous convictions. He had been traumatised by the accident, had sold his car and joined a group specialising in alcohol

Magistrates and justices' clerks said that the lower courts would be bound to comply with the principles of the judgment. Although the ruling is not binding, the Magistrates' Association expressed concern that it would

man of the Magistrates' Association, said: "We are very concerned. Magistrates remain convinced that in a good many cases where there is a very high reading, imprisonment is an appropriate disposal."

Roger Seymour, chairman of the road traffic committee of the Justices' Clerks' Society, said the implications of the case were potentially serious. He said that if the magistrates and crown courts falled to take the precedent on board, their decision would be open to challenge in the appeal courts.

The maximum penalty for driving with excess alcohol is six months' imprisonment and/or a £5,000 fine, with obligatory disqualification. Imprisonment is usually reserved for drivers who are found to be substantially over

the limit Under sentencing guidelines issued to magistrates, imprisonment should be coninfluence sentencing towards non-custodial punishment for serious drink-drive offences.

Rosemary Thomson, chair
influence sentencing towards sidered after a breath specimen reading of 108.5 micrograms of alcohol in 100 millilitres of blood.

Race abuse boy ran into path of car

BY JOANNA BALE

A BLACK teenager who attended the west London school whose headmaster was murdered last month died after being hit by a car as he and five friends ran away from three white men who were shouting racial abuse and chasing them, an inquest was

told yesterday.
Liam Harrison, 14, of Ladbroke Grove, was on his way home from St George's Roman Catholic School in Maida Vale with a group of friends when the tragedy happened. The boys were confronted by three drunken white men who had been loitering outside.

The men started racially abusing them and one pulled off his belt. When they began to chase the boys, Liam ran into the road and was knocked over by a Jaguar driven by Paul Davies of Ruislip, northwest London, who has since died of a heart attack. A verdict of accidental death was recorded at the inquest in Westminster.

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Princess reduced to tears by jeering photographers blocking escape

THE Princess of Wales broke down in tears after being pursued down a London street by a group of photographers. A hard core of British paparazzi shouted and jeered as the Princess left the house of Susie Orbach, her friend and psychotherapist, in Swiss Cottage, north London, on Monday night.

Half a dozen photogra-phers tried to prevent the Princess from opening her car door and swore at her when she refused to pose for a photograph. She broke down in tears of frustration when

she could not escape. A photograph of the distressed Princess was used on the front of yesterday's Daily Mirror which attributed her distress to worries about her possible divorce. However, it has become clear that the Princess was upset because she felt threatened by the all-male group. Despite the occasional brush with photog-raphers, the Princess remains reluctant to ask for help from police protection officers that she dispensed with after her separation from the Prince of

A posse of photographers is often to be found outside the gates of Kensington Palace waiting for the Princess to leave. They cover the three exits and keep in contact by

Potographers who specialise in shots of the Princess are all familiar with her routine, which includes regular trips to the gym at Chelsea Harbour Club, Ms Orbach's home and the Bimal Sports Clinic in Hammersmith west London. Photographs of the Princess can said: "We are not part of the fetch thousands of pounds, paparazzi. we gather serious

mobile telephone.

especially if they show her doing something out-of-the-ordinary — such as breaking down in tears. During the Prince of

Wales's skiing holiday in Klosters last week, photographs of Prince Harry falling over were being offered to newspapers for £5,000 each. With five national British tabloids, an organised photographer could expert to make at least £25,000 from the make at least £25,000 from the click of the shutter.

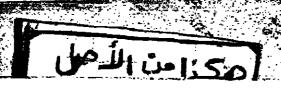
If British newspapers are unwilling to publish intrusive photographs, there is a lucrative market among European magazines. But staff of a Japanese film company who chased the Princess down the same street outside Ms Orbach's house last week have denied being intrusive. A spokesman for Asahi TV said: "We are not part of the

news. We were outside the house when the Princess walked past — it was a fluke, we thought she was in the Caribbean. We just wanted to wish her Happy New Year. Intrusion is something that no one wants to be guilty of. but it's a fine line." NHK TV, the Japanese network which is the equiva-

tent of the BBC, said it would not "doorstep" the Princess.
"We do not go in for the
tabloid type of television that
some do. We thought chasing the Princess down the street was a bit outrageous," said Yoko Sageman, an NHK TV

spokeswoman.

Buckingham Palace said there was little it could do to prevent the Princess being pursued. A spokesman said: "It was quite a threatening incident because the Princess was alone and it was at



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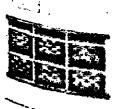
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Bypass protesters claim early win in battle of Newbury

Newbury bypass was abandoned for the day yesterday after protesters blockaded 400 security guards into their farmyard base.

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Anti-road protesters were claiming first blood in the battle over the bypass after they defied police for more than eight hours by blocking the two routes for coaches carrying guards to the site. Work had been due to start

early yesterday on clearance work for the £100 million road. Thames Valley Police and Reliance Security, which was to oversee the start of clearance work along the 812mile route, admitted they were taken by surprise.

Campaigners from the Third Battle of Newbury group struck at 5.30am yesterday, lying in wait outside a 2,000 farm at Sulhamstead Abbots, Berkshire, where the guards had been billeted. It belongs to Richard Benyon, who will fight the Newbury seat at the next election for the Conservatives. As coaches arrived at 6am to take the guards the 14 miles to Newbury, the protesters blocked both ends of the narrow lane with tripods made from scaffold poles and Rowan and Dug. climbed the

1.30pm when the protest was called off to allow an ambulance to reach two security guards. One had suffered a back injury, the other a suspected epileptic fit. By then the

Highways Agency, part of the Department of Transport, had called off work for the day. Police had eventually two tripods at noon, warning the three campaigners that if they did not come down within a "reasonable period", they risked arrest for obstructing

the highway. But officers were forced to hold back for fear of

injuring the three men. Ian Blair, the Assistant Chief Constable of Thames Valley Police, said police would not take sides in the dispute, but branded protesters "selfish". Operation Prospect, which will cost police up to £35,000 a week, is expected to go on for the 212 years it will take to complete the £100 million project. Mr Blair said this use of manpower would have a knock-on effect on policing

The demonstrators were bullish. "They are going to have it so hard here," said Chalkie, a veteran of several anti-road protests. Reliance Security has also worked on

PREPARATION work for the 20ft to the top of the tripods other road schemes and the Newbury bypass was aban- and perched there until two sides know one another

Tom Riall, area manager for Reliance, said: "They have taken us by surprise this morning but the guys are all resigned to things like this happening. We actually enjoy quite a good relationship with

The three demonstrators on the tripods were cheered on by about 35 supporters, who toasted their success with soya milk. One campaigner found the time to rescue a worm, in danger of drowning on the muddy country road. Others bucket or sold oranges to raise

Andy Drury, a legal observer for the campaign, claimed a local farmer had threatened to sboot protesters and stampede his cows through their ranks.

David Rendel, the Liberal Democrat MP for Newbury, arrived to put the case for the bypass and was confronted by demonstrators. "If this causes significant delay that is a pity. If these people would just go away it would save the taxpayer a lot of money," he said.

know what the problems of the current road are and that is why they strongly support the bypass scheme. It undoubtedly will do some environmental damage to the land to the west of Newbury, but that has to be balanced with the huge pollution problems that the current road is caus-

One of those who argued with the MP was George Monbiot, a former water keeper on the Sutton Estate. The bypass will cut through part of a water meadow that is a site of special scientific interest. Mr Monbiot told Mr Rendel: "You are delivering

ing in Newbury.



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Pen could help trap Celine's murderer

By RICHARD DUCE

POLICE investigating the murder of the French student Celine Figard released details yesterday of a black and gold fountain pen she was carrying. It was given to her by a newspaper in Ferrières. Haute-Saone, where she

worked as a delivery girl.

Detective Chief Superintendent John McCammont, head of West Mercia CID. said that the pen bore the name of the newspaper, L'Est Republicain, in black letter-ing. He said: "This pen is most distinctive and if anybody has come across one like this during the past three weeks there is every chance that it once belonged to Celine."

Detectives have already said that Mile Figard, 19, travelled over from France before Christmas with an unusual bottle of champagne which is still missing. Her body was found in woodland near a layby outside Worcester, ten days after she accepted a lift on December 19 from a lorry driver at Chieveley service

station on the M4. Police are also trying to trace French accountancy textbooks Mile Figard was carry-ing: Comptabilité Generale, Maths Analyse, Maths Statistiques and Economie

The strongest lead remains the descriptions of the lorry, a white Mercedes, and its driver, a white man in his late thirties with cropped fair or ginger hair. Police are working through a list of owners of 1,200 such vehicles registered



David Rendel, MP, left, arguing with George Monbiot about the impact of the bypass on the environment

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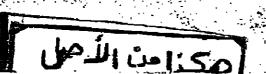
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Police chiefs discuss plans for national crime-busting team after Moss Side attacks

Gang fired 27 shots at man saved by body suit



Supt King: appealed for wider powers to seize profits AND STEWART TENDLER

POLICE chiefs will discuss proposals for a national gang-busting team with a budget of £100 million a year and 2,000 staff today as Manchester police investigate the latest attack in

urban gang war. Moss Side detectives disclosed that 27 shots had been fired at a man who was saved by his body armour in a street attack. Officers investigating two shootings over the last ten days in Moss Side have spoken of the dangers posed by the cruption of renewed gang warfare and "tit for

Today's special conference of chief constables looking at Home Office proposals for tackling organised

crime has taken on renewed urgen-cy since the end of the two-year truce were put at risk in that incident? We called by Moss Side gangs. On December 30 Raymond Pitt was shot dead at point-blank range. His driver, Marios Baama, 17, was wounded in the leg and is now in hiding. Darrell Laycock, 22, and Owen Roche, 23, were questioned

about the killing. Roche was charged with murder but Mr Laycock was released without charge. Three days ago Mr Laycock, who was wearing a flak jacket, and a woman friend, were attacked in Moss Side by three men who fired 27 shots. Both are stable and in hospital under armed guard.

After the attack on Mr Laycock Det Spt Alan Boardman, head of Manchester south CID, said: "How

don't know and certainly the gunman did not know.

Superintendent Lilian King, head of community policing in Moss Side, said: "People are killing and dying for money and status. They are putting those two things above life." She criticised drug dealers for using children to carry out their "dirty work" and told of a 13-yearold boy who was stopped by police and found with £1,100 in his pocket.

Supt King said dealers knew that children were less likely to be stopped by police and once youngsters were involved in the crime culture it was difficult for them to escape it. Teenagers were lured by the trappings of wealth, she said,

to confiscate goods bought with the proceeds of crime. "It is a perpetual and very lucrative industry. When we take out the top guys, as we have done successfully in the past, they are replaced within weeks. We can win. We have more effective policing and interaction with the community but the police need to be able to seize assets like fancy cars, gold

"We do that now but we need to be able to seize the profits with less burden of proof than is currently necessary." Under the Proceeds of Crime Act introduced last November, courts were given extended powers to confiscate profits from serious crime by persistent offenders. The recent spate of shootings is

and other vulgarities of wealth.

world since a shooting incident in January 1994. Police pointed out that crime and firearms incidents had decreased in Moss Side during the past two years and last year there were 33 shooting incidents compared with more than 110 at the height of the drug disputes in 1992.

Under the Home Office plan, up to 1,450 detectives currently working for the six regional crime squads would merge with 500 officers and analysts at the National Criminal Intelligence Service to form one department. A national director general, possibly a senior chief constable or Scotland Yard commander, would be in charge with a director of operations and a director of intelligence below him.

Sams to be charged over jail assault

Michael Sams, sentenced to life imprisonment for the murder of Julie Dart and the kidnap of the estate agent Stephanie Slater, is to be charged with the attempted murder of a probation officer înside Wakefield jail last year. Sams allegedly attacked Julia Flack during a surgery she was holding for prisoners in her office in the prison last October. Mrs Flack, 49, the wife of the Archdeacon of Pontefract, the Venerable John Flack, and the mother of two children, suffered minor neck

Advert falls flat

The Advertising Standards Authority criticised a poster for a Berlei sports bra which suggested it prevented droop-ing breasts, as there was insufficient evidence. Complaints were rejected that the advert, which had a skipping rope in the shape of sagging breasts, was offensive.

Bogus Ecstasy

Police in Birmingham have seized 2,000 bogus Ecstasy tablets that they say could kill drug users. The tablets, worth £30,000 and imprinted with a question mark, contain stimulants and anaesthetics. Police have charged a man and say pushers might be selling similar tablets as Ecstasy.

Dolphins killed

Eleven dead dolphins have been washed up along the south coast of Cornwall in the past nine days. Post-mortem examinations suggest that the mammals, which need to surface periodically to breathe. might have drowned when they became entangled in

Parkhurst case

Three prisoners were committed for trial accused of breaking out of Parkhurst on the Isle of Wight last year. Keith Rose, 45, Andrew Rodger, 44, and Matthew Williams, 25, who are all serving life sentences, were handcuffed to prison officers in the dock at Portsmouth Crown Court.

Aerosol victim

Lisa Watkins, 14, collapsed and died after inhaling fumes from an air freshener while awaiting a performance of Educating Rita, in which her verdict of death through nondependent use of drugs was recorded at an inquest Miss Watkins, of Bristol.

Clearing the air

A murder trial at the Old Bailey was halted temporarily by a dispute over smoking. Judge Coombe, who mediated after a juror objected to others smoking while considering their verdict, ruled that brief cigarette breaks would be allowed outside if supervised by a court usher.

Meningitis death

Gill Eyre, 30, a detective constable with the Northumbria Police, has become the seventh victim of the outbreak of meningitis in northeast England, a day after she was admitted to hospital. Her husband Tom is under observation as a suspected case.



By Jeremy Laurance, Health Correspondent

MORE than 250 hospital consultants have broken through the £100,000-a-year pay barrier in the NHS. They are leaders in their fields who have been awarded the top Aplus merit award, taking their NHS salaries to £102,240 before private earnings.

They are being joined at the top of the pay league by specialists who are in short supply and who are demandsix-figure salaries from NHS trusts desperate to recruit them. One NHS trust disclosed yesterday that it is paying ten consultants up to £20,000 above the NHS maximum in response to the shortages. Another said it had flown short-listed candidates from South Africa with all

Doncaster Healthcare NHS Trust, which provides care for the mentally ill and handicapped, is advertising for an additional psychiatrist in the current issue of the British Medical Journal offering "significantly enhanced remuneration of circa £60-£70K" to the right applicant. The current maximum of the NHS pay scale, without a merit award.

said ten psychiatrists at the trust were on the same pay rates. "We have had major challenges in recruiting consultants over the past three years. What we have done is wrap up all the little extras that consultants can earn and lumped that into a new package related to performance."

The Times disclosed on Tuesday that Hartlepool and Peterice Hospitals NHS Trust had spent £1,700 importing a rottweiler belonging to a consultant anaesthetist recruited from America as part of his employment package. Brian Hanson, chairman of

the trust, yesterday defended the package provided for Dr Craig Baldwin from Denver. We are not unique in what we did. It is a common problem nationwide that hospitals have in getting suitably quali-fied staff," he said.

consultants at double the going rate for about £100,000. We avoided doing that and we believe this one-off payment was money well spent. If there were enough well-qualified consultants we would not have this problem."

The national shortage of consultants, which has worsened sharply after the reduction in junior doctors' hours over the past three years, has forced many trusts to seek recruits abroad. Northallerton Health Services NHS Trust in North Yorkshire, which has recruited six consultants in South Africa, provided all-expenses paid trips to Britain for short-listed candidates.

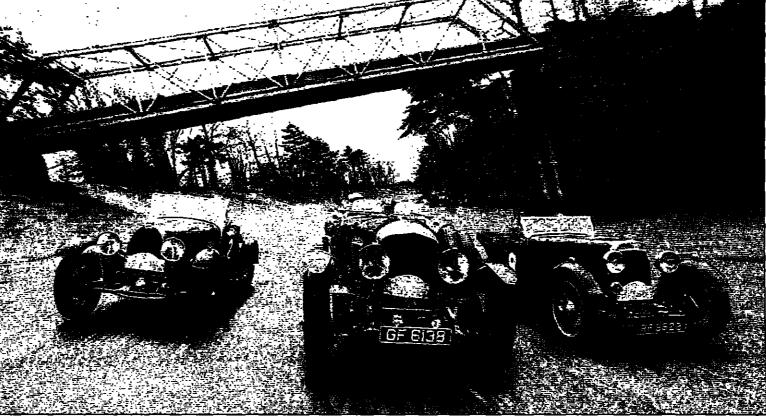
A manager from another trust said: They were given really plush treatment to encourage them to stay. The trust would say it was very cost effective."

Calderdale Healthcare NHS Trust in Halifax is advertising for consultants in South Africa. Australia and New Zealand and offering up to £8,000 in relocation expenses. It is also looking at the tax position of overseas recruits on temporary contracts.

The chief executive of an have heard of registrars newly the most keenly sought after specialties coming in on threeyear contracts for a lump sum of £250,000. These are specialists such as intensivists anaesthetists in intensive care - who are in very, very short

supply.* A personnel manager at a trust in the North said: "We will do whatever the consultants want to get them. It is incredibly unsatisfactory but there is nothing else we can do. If you have got a theatre list full, the surgeon waiting to operate and no anaesthefist. what's the point? You're sty-

mied. It's a buyer's market. The National Association of Health Authorities and Trusts said the new arrangements were proof of the value of local pay but trusts needed to guard against pay spirals or high



British entries: a 1926 Bugatti Type 40, 1929 Bentley 4.5 litre and 1932 Aston Martin, with the 1925 Lanchester hidden behind the Bentley

Vintage cars roll back the years to repeat pioneers' rally

A THREE-TON 1925 Lanchester will enactment of the world's first motor rally, from Peking to Paris in 1907. The 6.25-litre car will join 99 other

be among British entries in a re- Lanchester will be driven by its owners. Peter and Sue Noble of Loughton, Essex on a 10,000-mile route climbing to 17,000ft in the Himalayas and crossing desert. The

Vauxhall driven by Lord Montagu of Beaulieu. The 40-day rally will take drivers from more than 20 countries across China, Tibet, Nepal, northern India, Pakistan, Iran, northern

cars took part in the original rally desert. The first to finish, after 60 days, was a seven-litre Itala driven by

Death-crash Chinook was new to Northern Ireland RAF helicopter that crashed into the Mull of Kintyre with the loss of 29 loadmaster-crewman.

View in the Corrie Buie, signed Victoria R, 1848 Victoria's Balmoral

from an original by Lady Charlotte Canning, one of her ladies-in-waiting, which is now in the Royal Collec-

view goes on show LANDSCAPE painting by tion. The 10in by 15in study, Queen Victoria went on gen-eral view for the first time which normally hangs in

vesterday in an exhibition of watercolours from Harewood House near Leeds (John Shaw writes). It showed a view near Balmoral and was copied

Lord Harewood's dressing room, was among 50 water-colours from the Lasceles collection which are on dis-Harewood Masterpieces, at Christie's in St James's. southwest London, until January 26. Another exhibition contains views of Brazil by European painters,

lives was the first of its type in Northern Ireland and had arrived only two days previously, an inquiry was told yesterday. So new was the Mark 2 Chinook that an airman who flew as a passenger on the day of the crash noticed the crew carried out routine checks slowly.

The fatal accident inquiry was also told that villagers in Northern Ireland remarked on the Chinook's low altitude as it set off on the journey to Scotland with 25 anti-terrorist experts on board.

The four RAF crew killed in the crash on June 2, 1994, had flown the Chinook on routine trips in Northern Ireland earlier that day. Their first trip was a 20-minute journey from their base. Aldergrove, to Ballykinlar army base to drop off John Coles, then an air

Mr Coles travelled as a passenger, but because he was serving with the RAF also took part in routine checks in which instructions read from reference cards had to be acknowledged. The crew had experience of Mark 2 Chinooks, Mr Coles

said, but he was more familiar because he had returned to Northern Ireland from RAF Odiham, 'the UK base for Chinooks, later than they had. The checks were carried out slowly. It was very obvious the pilots were perhaps not as familiar with the [reference] cards and had not seen the

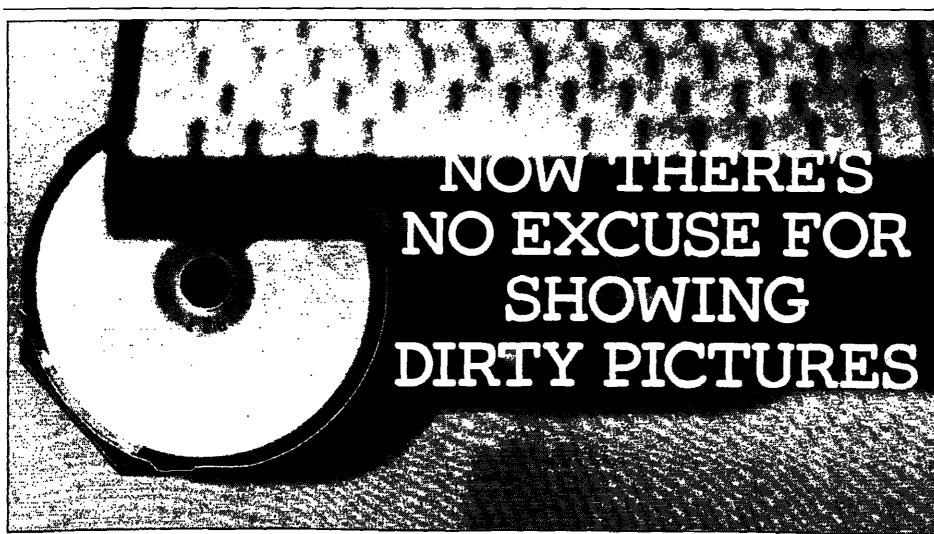
aircraft for some two months," he said. The cress collected Mr Coles later after carrying out routine troop-ferrying trips. He said they were late because an engineer had had to check a problem with a temperature gauge that had recurred. Anne Tyler, 40, from Carnlough, Co Antrim, told

the inquiry how she had seen the twin-rotor helicopter flying low with a curious noise. It was so low that she could see trees on the far side of the glen, above the level of the helicopter. "It was a very loud noise." she said. There was something strange about it. It wasn't a familiar noise. I had a gut feeling there was something about that noise."

Ms Tyler had spoken to

villagers who told her the helicopter had skimmed rooftops. "As it went over the sea, one person actually said it was skimming the waves," she

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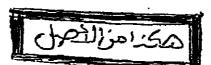
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Zoo fears massive aquarium will force it to close

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By Michael Hornsby AGRICULTURE

PLANS to build Britain's biggest aquarium are in jeopardy because of a legal dispute with a nearby zoo. The 60-year-old Chester Zoo, praised for its conservation of endartgered animals, says the competition could force it to close.

Deep Sea World, which opened its first aquarium three years ago at North Queensferry, Fife, has applied for a European Union grant of E3.1 million to help with the E11 million cost of building the new centre at Ellesmere Port, starting in June.

The zoo is challenging the legality of the scheme under European Regional Development Fund guidelines. These state that any grant-aided projects must "complement and not displace existing

Unveiling detailed plans for the aquarium yesterday, Phil Crane, chief executive of Deep Sea World, said: "I see us as complementing the zoo. They show terrestrial animals at their best and we show marine animals at their best."

Gordon McGregor Reid, director of Chester Zoo, said: "It is obvious that another aquarium and tropical house less than five miles away will have an adverse effect on our income and on our ability to support the vital conservation work we are doing."
The zoo houses 5,000 ani-

mals representing 500 species, of which 204 are considered to globally endangered, among them Asian elephants, Siberian tigers, orang utans, and black rhinos. It also has its own aquarium.

The new centre, which will house up to 5,000 fish and invertebrates, is part of a wider scheme to revive the local economy, and Ellesmere Port and Neston Borough Council has fought hard to persuade Deep Sea World to build it at the Cheshire Oaks site in Ellesmere Port.

The final decision on whether to approve Deep Sea World's grant application rests with the Government Office for the North West.

Britain's oldest takeaway is enlisted to cull predator taking over canals



Face to face with the enemy: Steve Griffiths of British Waterways with a zander. The East European fish was introduced to Britain in 1878 by the Duke of Bedford

Chips are down for a fish called zander

By ROBIN YOUNG

ZANDER, a fish terrorising canals as a voracious predator, may shortly meet its match in a plate of chips.

Zander (Stizostedion lucioperca) are established in 100 miles of canals in the Midlands and are poised to spread through the inland waterway network from Liverpool to London. British Waterways, which runs the canals, wants rid of them because they wipe out other varieties that coarse

anglers love to pursue. Yesterday British Waterways suggested that the answer could be to make zander a tasty alternative to cod in the nation's favourite takeaway. Zander, which originated in

Eastern Europe, are also known as pikeperch because they have the large, spiny dorsal fin of the perch and the streamlined body and greedy appetite of the pike. They are counted a delicacy

on the Continent. In Alsace a gastronomic route is dedicated to them, mapping inns and restaurants where they can be enjoyed deep fried. In Germany, John Major was served Helmut Kohl's recipe for zander with sauerkraut at their meeting in September. Yet one can trawl British fish

RECIPE

Sylvan Ho Wing Choeng suggests zander with crispy cabbage and ginger in a lemon grass sauce: 3lb zander fillet. 3tbis olive oil, 6oz butter, 1 chopped savoy cabbage, 1 fresh ginger, 2 sticks lemon grass, 1fl oz fish stock, ½ fl oz white wine, 2 shallots, 2oz double cream. Marinate fish in oil and lemon julce for two hours. Put 2oz for two hours. Put 2oz for two hours. Put 2oz butter in a saucepan, add 2 finely chopped shallots. Sweat on low heat, add wine, stock and lemon grass. Reduce by a third, add cream and remaining butter and whisk. Grill fish for five minutes. Deep try cabbage with ginger. Serve the fish on cabbage, pour sauce around the fish.

cookery books without finding zander mentioned once. In this country they are known almost only to anglers who. after catching specimens up to half a metre long, return them

sauce around the fish.

Zander first came to Britain in 1878 when the Duke of Bedford put a collection into three lakes at Woburn Abbey as a curiosity. In the 1960s stock from Woburn was ex-

Alzheimer's.

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able to control."

perimentally released in the Great Ouse and the population exploded through the Fens, devastating much and

Culling failed to control the zander, partly because coarse anglers were loath to kill their catches and preferred to re-lease them, often into canals. We know we are on a loser," Jonathan Briggs, British Waterways' conservation ecologist, said yesterday. "They are spreading inexorably through the canal system.

A single mother can lay 200,000 eggs, so they breed fast. Water that might contain one pike can have as many as 50 or 60 zander, and they eat whole generations of smaller fish.

Such zander as are eaten in Britain, mostly at Japanese restaurants, are imported from The Netherlands. Simon Newnes, the only Billingsgate wholesaler to deal in them, said yesterday: "We have had occasional zander from King's Lynn, including one that weighed 21lb, but we cannot get enough. They wholesale at £3.50 to £4 a lb, the same price as sea bass, but in England anglers just chuck them

Zander were on the menu at Rule's restaurant in London 18

THE BRITISH DISH

FISH and chips, Britain's tion, originated in the 1350s. Previously some street ven-dors sold hot potatoes, oth-ers fried fish. When the two were offered together their popularity as a staple of cheap diet quickly followed. The historian of fish and

chips. John Walton, argues that fish and chips played an important role in the First World War. saving Britain from military defeat, socialist revolution and famine. The trade magazine The Frier claimed at the time that fish and chips "had stood more than any other trade in the country. be-

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Choeng, a Mauritian-born

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Yesterday Sylvan Ho Wing

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30.000 fish and chip shops in Industry Authority says that the number has declined to 8,000, with 1,500 closing in the past three years. In the

firm and meaty, but the fla-

apart from the notorious con-

servatism of their clientele.

shop chain, said yesterday: "I had not heard of a fish called zander. It will have to be pretty good if you want a Yorkshireman to give up his haddock and eat something with a lemon grass sauce. "It will include price, twice that of is a very good fish to cook," he said. "The white flesh is very

cod, and the small rows of

bones which Mr Sylvan re-

moves with eyebrow tweezers.

South of England the fish of

and in the North haddock.

but many fryers also offer other varieties such as rock,

plaice and skate. More still

have diversified into chick-

en portions, battered sau-

sages. Chinese spring rolls

and even the ubiquitous

burger, an arch-rival to the

of Harry Ramsden's, the international fish and chip

Richard Taylor, a director

traditional dish.

"We have to find find some vour is delicate, something between turbot and sea bass. way of marketing zander." Really it is a sacrilege to deep-Steve Griffiths, fisheries manfry it. It should be steamed. ager for British Waterways North West region, said, "Othbaked or shallow fried." Obstacles to introducing erwise they are going to overzander in fish and chip shops. run the system.

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Charity votes to evict sacked priest

By Stephen Farrell

GOVERNORS at a charity hospital voted yesterday to evict a priest accused of using funds to provide cars and a pension for his family. Law yers for Christ's Hospital in Sherburn, Durham city, will take legal action to force its former Master, the Rev Graham Pattison, from the Grade II listed house, which he was ordered to leave by last Friday.

The move came as i emerged that Mr Pattison, 56, told his bishop he had no-where to go if evicted. How-ever, The Times has disclosed area. Mr Pattison, 56, was sacked after a Charity Commission report accused him and the former chairman, Ron Morrissey, 59, of weaving a web of conflict of interest.

patronage and nepotism". There is no suggestion the pair acted dishonestly. How-ever, the hospital wants repayment of £42,000 in grants paid into a private account controlled by them. After a twohour governors meeting yesterday, Stephen Black, the hospital administrator, said: The solicitor has been instructed to take whatever steps are necessary to recover the building. That will include going to court."

Until recently Mr Pattison and his wife Valerie claimed they had nowhere to go if evicted from the rent-free Master's House he has occupied since taking up the post in 1977. But on Monday The Times disclosed that they owned a £70,000 home in nearby Meadowfield.

Yesterday the Bishop of Durham, the Right Rev Michael Turnbull, said the couple also told him they had nowhere to go in November last year. "I have had a letter from him today saying that although they technically own the house, they need the rent from it being let to pay the mortgage, so they could not live in it themselves.

"I don't think the first explanation was a straightforward lie, but it would have been more helpful if they had given me the explanation then that they have given now."

Doctors link lifestyle to onset of Alzheimer's

By Nigel Hawkes, science editor

history of depression, but ar-

thritis and high blood pres-

SMOKING and drinking may heimer's disease in some patients, doctors have suggested. But taking more than three drinks a day may delay onset in people who have a family history of the condition.

The conclusions come from a study of 829 Alzheimer's patients in the United States, Canada and Germany by a team led by Dr Lindsay Farrer of the neurology department at Boston University School of Medicine.

The researchers suggest that the mechanisms leading to the onset of symptoms differ among individuals according to whether they have a genetic predisposition to Alzheimer's. Smokers get the disease sooner, whether or not they

sure seem to delay the disease. In the case of arthritis, this may be connected with the treatment, as several studies have shown that non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs such as aspirin or ibuprofen delay Alzheimer's. Heavy smokers who drink

get the disease earlier if they do not have the Alzheimer's genes. But non-smokers with the genes can apparently delay onset by more than three years if they have at least three alcoholic drinks a day.

Dr Farrer said the results were preliminary, and needed to be substantiated by comparison with people who do not have the disease. Dr Sarah-Jane Richards of

have the predisposing genes. the doctors say. There is also the Alzheimer's Research over 70.

earlier onset in patients with a Trust, whose journal Alzheimer's Research publishes the study today, said: This is the first time that environmental factors and lifestyle have been explored in relation to "One of the mysteries of the disease is why one person gets died of carbon monoxide

it and another doesn't. Even though genetic factors are quite important, in the majority of cases Alzheimer's is not "If it can be demonstrated that lifestyle does affect how

early you get Alzheimer's dis-Mr McCathie, 34, captain of ease then this is something that the individual might be The age at onset varied widely in the group, with the youngest patients showing symptoms at 35, and the oldest at 90. The average was just

Footballer killed by poison gas

THE deaths of a professional footballer and his female companion whose bodies were found at a farm cottage appear to have been a tragic accident. police said yesterday. Post-mortem examinations on Norrie McCathie, 34, and Amanda Burns, 26, a hairdresser, showed that both had

poisoning. Gas officials are examining the central heating system in the cottage on the outskirts of Dunfermline, Fife, which was owned by Mr McCathie and which he was renovating.

Dunfermline Athletic, and Miss Burns, 26, from Dunfermline, were in the bedroom when friends called at the house on Monday. The footballer was on the floor and Miss Burns was in bed. Mr McCathie's dog was found

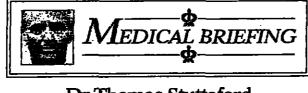
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Clue to whodunnit in the library

LORD PETER WIMSEY and Hercule Poirot were no strangers to the hazards of the library. In the cases they investigated the cause of death was obvious. Usually the victim had been shot by a First World War revolver, or stabbed between the shoulder blades by an oriental dagger or Georgian paper knife.

Less obvious, and less fatal. threats to a bookworm may lie in the books themselves. I was having lunch with a bacteriologist before Christmas and mentioned that in my childhood my mother, a pessimist, furnigated any books lent to us in case they harboured tuberculosis or diphtheria.

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Dr Thomas Stuttaford

prise the bacteriologist expressed approval and assured me that a wide variety of bacteria could be cultivated from the pages of books that had been handled by people who were not too careful where their hands had been. In an editorial in The Lancet, Professor Roderick Hay of the St John's Institute

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of Dermatology at Guy's Hospital, London, has written on the health of library users. The coughs, sneezing and nose-blowing may reflect the desire of sick people to seek warmth in heated libraries, rather than any love of learnisms come from it is obvious that the pages of library books are being covered by bacteria.

The question posed by Professor Hay and others has been to what extent can these bacteria be transmitted to subsequent borrowers of the

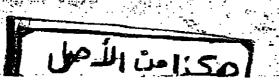
Professor Hay also explores the equally important point as to whether the books themselves form an ideal medium for fungi to reproduce. It is argued that paper, when no more than pinewood in the forest, can be a host to a wide

variety of fungi, and there is nothing to inhibit their proliferation once the wood has been turned to print.

A wide range of bacteria can be cultured from books but research shows that the predominant bacteria is Staphylococcus epidermidis, which causes septic sores and spots on the skin and in the nose. The mouldering books would also provide a plentiful supply of food for Aspergillus and Alternaria; both fungi are frequent causes of allergies, whether running noses or wheezing. Household dust, he contaminated by minute quantities of toxins from the spores, and there has been at least one study which related them to the ills of a family in which the whole household suffered headaches, fatigue and diarrhoea until their library was decontaminated. In general the likelihood of books causing physical ill-health is small; it seems that death in the library will remain the concern of detective story writers, rather than

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Blair's 'Big Idea' makes him a clearer target for the Tories

been acclaimed by centre-"Big Idea" - the ideological Huly Grail which Labour has been seeking for so long as an election winning alternative to Thatcherism. But appealing though it sounds, this approach

has implications, and costs, which Labour's new sympathisers in business may find less appealing. Stakeholder is un umbrella concept incorporating all kind of favourable buzz-words such as participation, trust, inclusion and active citizenship. It is contrasted with the individualism and absolute priority of sharehold- linking together several of

the stakeholder society has er rights of the free market

approach. But it is not just a slogan of the us against them type - a kinder. gentler welfare capitalism. another version of Mr Blair's One Nation politics. It represents a very different approach to running the economy and managing government. But the Conservative reaction has so far been muddled, torn between describing the stakeholder society as a reworking of traditional Labour corporatism or. alternatively, what the Government has been doing since 1979. But shrewder Tory strategists

now see the stakeholder concept as

RIDDELL ON POLITICS

Labour's existing proposals: the minimum wage, training, optingin to the social chapter, two-tier boards and formal recognition of the rights and views of trade unions, new responsibilities for utilities' regulators, and a shift of the burden of proof in contested

The underlying theme is that government is no longer the provider and redistributor but becomes rather the regulator and setter of standards, what is fashionably known as "enabling" gov-

ernment. This is implicit, for ployment must be tackled at example, in some of the ideas on pensions which Chris Smith is considering, such as requiring people to make contributions to pension schemes with the state in the back-up role of guaranteeing a minimum income for those who have retired. A national minimum wage would also transfer the cost of preventing poverty to employers from government, which currently pays various social benefits to supplement the incomes of the low paid. In his Singapore speech, Mr Blair said the old ways of redistribution in the tax and benefit system would not do and the

problems of low pay and unem-

source. These are forms of offbalance sheet financing in which government mandated requirements are funded not directly by the taxpayer, but by individuals, via compulsory higher pension contributions, or by companies having to bear increased costs of training, a minimum wage and other obligations.

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The stakeholder economy would also change the way that companies operate. Mr Blair was careful to say that legislation cannot guaranteee that a company will behave in "a way conductive to trust and long term commitment. But it is surely time to assess how we shift the emphasis in corporate ethos, from the company being a mere vehicle for the capital market, to be traded, bought and sold as a commodity, towards a vision of the company as a community or

a partnership in which each employee has a stake, and where a company's responsibilities are more clearly delineated". But does this mean merely encouraging more "socially responsible" com-panies, like Marks and Spencer, or would it involve a change in of directors' statutory responsibilities to shareholders?

In crude terms, it can be argued that Labour is arguing that social cohesion promotes economic

growth, while the Tories maintain that economic growth leads to social cohesion. There are, of course, qualifications about the role of government in creating growth and cohension. But the stakeholder economy represents not just a way of escaping from Labour's tax and spending dilemma (and tax bombshell charges). but also a different relationship between government and business. Mr Blair has so far been an elusive target. The Tories now have an opportunity to get to grips with him over the central issues of enterprise and welfare.

PETER RIDDELL

Hattersley urges scrapping of 'silly' women shortlists

By JILL SHERMAN AND ALICE THOMSON

ROY HATTERSLEY called on Labour vesterday to ditch its policy of women-only shortlists after the judgment by an industrial tribunal that the

The former deputy party leader said he thought the plan to have women shortlists for 50 per cent of winnable and vacant seats was "a siffy idea". and pointed out that even Tony Blair did not support it.

But Tessa Jowell, Labour's spokesperson on women's issues, defended the policy saying that it was important to be clear about the distinction between means and ends. "All-women shortlists have been a means. The end is to increase the representation of women at Westminster," she said. "Equality and democracy are guiding principles of the Labour Party. We do not achieve these by paying them

only lip service. Mr Hattersley suggested that the 34 women selected under the scheme should remain but that the policy should be dropped in the 14 constituencies where shortlists have yet to be drawn up. Tony Blair doesn't like it and he would have dropped it in 18 months anyway." he said. " I think it is quite fortunate to get rid of it early."

The Labour leadership is

now awaiting the full written iudement from the industrial tribunal in Leeds before deciding whether to appeal. The case was brought by Peter Jepson and Roger Dyas-Elliott, who were supported in their challenge by the Equal

Opportunities Commission. Although officials said they were seriously considering an appeal, they are unlikely to proceed unless they are confileaders were taken aback by the judgment, which they had been advised would go in their



Jowell: defends the

sulted when the full judgment is given within the next two weeks and the party then has although a decision is expected to be taken much earlier. The leadership will have to weigh up both the legal aspects and the implications of a drawn-out appeal while the selection process is frozen in the 14 constituencies.

Mr Blair has already made clear that he is unhappy about how the scheme has operated and is opposed to any element of compulsion. Women-only shortlists have

already been imposed in ten constituencies after local disagreements about the process. The policy was to be reviewed after the next general election and was expected to be dropped then. But supporters of the quota system argued yesterday that a flagship party policy could not be torpedoed by an industrial tribunal. They said that the policy for equal representation should methods had to be devised to ensure that equal opportunity

Women who have been selected under the scheme remain staunch in their support for it. Karen Buck. 36, a Westminster councillor who will stand for the new seat of

laws were not breached.



North, said: "The House of Commons is terribly out of touch on so many issues because it is run by an oligarchy of middle-class

Phyllis Starkey, 48, who was leader of Oxford City Council for four years and is to fight

Milton Keynes, said: "The old system was a disaster for women. We need this quick boost and then we can return

to a more equitable system. Other women chosen under the system include Fiona McTaggart, the daughter of a Tory baronet, for Slough, Ann

Bob Cryer, for Keighley, Maria Eagle, the twin sister of Labour MP Angela Eagle, for Liverpool Garston, and Julie Morgan, wife of the front-bencher Rhodri Morgan, for Cardiff North. They are all adamant that women-only shortlists are the best way

Defence ministers under pressure to buy British

By JAMES LANDALE, POLITICAL REPORTER

DEFENCE ministers are told him how strongly the coming under increasing pressure from MPs of all parties to back a Land Rover bid for a lucrative order of British army

MPs fear that the Ministry of Defence will award the contract, worth £70 million for about 700 vehicles, to the Austrian company Steyr Daimler Puch. They argue that as the bids are equally attractive, the Government should choose Land Rover to secure jobs and ensure further British exports.

Both the Prime Minister and James Arbuthnot, the Defence Procurement Minister, told the Commons yesterday that no decision had been made. However, the MoD is believed to favour the Austrian bid and an anouncement is expected this month.

Today Land Rover will lobby MPs in New Palace Yard at the Commons, where they will display the new Defender 130 XD ambulance. Unlike the Austrian model, it is fully compatible with all other Land Rover vehicles used by

the Army.
Iain Mills, Tory MP for Meriden and chairman of the all-party Motor Industry Group, said a coalition of 22 Tory and Labour MPs would meet the Land Rover representatives today. "It is a very powerful lobby," he said. "I spoke to James Arbuthnot questions today and

motor industry felt."

He said the Government would harm Land Rover's exports if it awarded the contract to the Austrians. "People will ask why the British Government is going for the Austrians, and they will say because there is something wrong with the Land Rover, which there clearly isn't."

Sir Anthony Grant, Tory MP for Cambridgeshire South West, said many MPs were keen for Land Rover to win the contract. "There is an all-party effort being made on this and we are trying to bring pres-sure to bear all the time."

Andrew Hargreaves, Tory MP for Birmingham Hall Green, said that the Land Rover was cheaper to build and cheaper to maintain.



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Suspects to have interviews videotaped

THE Government plans to introduce the silent video recording of police inter-

views with suspected terrorists. Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Northern Ireland Secretary, told the Commons yesterday that sound recording of such interviews had been ruled out for the time being because of security concerns.

But the video taping would enhance safeguards for detainees. Sir Patrick was

holding centres, police offices where suspects arrested under the Prevention of Terrorism Act are detained for question-

He looked forward to the eventual demise of the holding centres, but said he had accepted the advice of Sir Hugh

opening a second reading debate on the Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Bill. Northern Ireland has three video recording of interviews in the video recording of interviews in the holding centres would, however, enhance the safeguards already available to those detained under the terrorism provisions," he said. "It should also serve to reduce the time taken in criminal trials on the issue of whether confession statements were truly voluntarily made."

Lockerbie trial 'must be held in Scotland'

JOHN MAJOR insisted yesterday that the two Libyans suspected of the Lockerbie bombing should be tried in Scotland (James Landale

The Prime Minister rejected demands from both sides of the Commons that the men be tried at an international court in The Hague, an option supported by Libya. "I do not think we ought to allow suspected terrorists to dictate where and how they should be

The 1988 bombing, in which 270 people were killed, was raised by Norman Godman (Lab. Greenock and Port Glasgow). He asked Mr Major why the suspects should be tried in America or Scotland. You surely cannot expect the Libyan authorities to allow these individuals to subject themselves to a TV show trial in Washington."

Mr Major replied: "We are not asking them to. We think the trial should take place in Scotland. That is where the crime was committed. That is where I believe the accused should most properly stand

IN PARLIAMENT

YESTERDAY in the Commons: questions to defence ministers and the Prime Minister. A statement on Holloway prison was toflowed by a cleaker on the Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Bill. In the Lords: debate on the 68C's charter.

TODAY in the Commons: backbench debates this morning will be followed at 2.30pm by questions to Foreign Office ministers and a debate on the Security Service Bill. In the Lords: debates on non-conventional medical

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Man dies in Serb grenade attack on Sarajevo tram

opened fire on Sarajevo yesterday evening, hitting a tram with a rocket propelled grenade as it sped along the capital's main avenue. One man was killed and six other people, including a child, were

Serb snipers simultaneous-ly opened fire on civilians as they strolled through the city streets, which had been almost quiet since the ceasefire took hold on October 12. Several other explosions were heard from the Serb-held neighbourhood of Bavica, in the centre of Sarajevo. Nato forces returned fire with 20mm machinegun rounds, but it was not clear if they hit their target.

The Serb actions come at a time when Nato forces are in the process of deploying 60,000 troops to enforce the Dayton peace agreement. Unlike the United Nations peace force. Nato has vowed to stand up to Serb aggression.

Shortly before they began firing on the capital, the rebel Serbs set fire to a number of buildings they plan to vacate. The fires, which lit up the night sky north of the capital, ignited fears of a mass exodus that could severely embarrass the international community and the Nato peace implemen-

tation force.
Up to 75,000 Serbs live in five Serb-held neighbourhoods which are to revert to Bosnian government control under the terms of the Dayton accord. They say they cannot live under the rule of a government they have been fighting for three and a half

years.
On January 19 the Serb militia in the five Serb-held areas must disarm and disband, a requirement Serbs say will leave them unprotected and vulnerable to recriminations by the Bosnian Government. By February 3 all of their forces, including the

police, must completely with-

Over the past few days, residents in the Serb-held areas around Sarajevo have been packing up their belongings and moving them to towns in eastern Bosnia-Hertegovina that have been ethnically cleansed of Muslims.

On Vreoca Street in the Serb-held suburb of Ilidza, half the houses stand empty. We're just waiting to see if the deadline will be extended before leaving," said Elez Luka, a 54-year-old resident. In Geneva yesterday, the

International Committee of the Red Cross said that the Bosnian government army was blocking the planned release of 900 prisoners from the Bosnian war. Clinton visit: President

troops in Bosnia this weekend, the White House said last night. (Reuter)



Lax standards blamed for Zaire crash

AVIATION officials in Zaire condemned lax safety standards yesterday as people in Kinshasa, the capital, mourned the victims of an aircraft crash that killed at least 297 people at an open-air market.

The cause of Monday's crash was not known, but early reports indicated that the Russian-made Antonov 32 was flying without authorisation. Bernardin Munguldeaka, the Transport Minister, said the aircraft was at least 595lb overweight. An official inquiry began yesterday into the crash. Airport authorities said the turboprop was carrying 6,000lb of oil. flour and salted fish and was bound for Jonas Savimbi's Unita rebels in Angola. The aircraft hit the ground soon after it took off from Kinshasa's Ndolo airport, about three miles from hotels and embassies, skidded across a busy street and into the crowded market.

The four Russian crew survived, and one was in hospital with minor injuries. The others were in police custody yes-

Zaireans. The authorities said they were not facing criminal charges.

The Government called for two days of mourning and grounded cargo flights. The rules of civil aviation are never respected here," Baudoin Rudahindwa, the head of the pilots' union, said. "If they had been, we could have avoided this." Aircraft from Zaire are not allowed to fly to the United States because of concerns about their safety. (AP)

Spy chief takes over Kozyrev's ministry

FROM THOMAS DE WAAL

YEVGENI PRIMAKOV, the head of Russia's Foreign Intelligence Service, was named Foreign Minister yesterday as

successor to Andrei Kozyrev. who resigned last week. A Middle East expert, Mr Primakov, 66, can be expected to defend Moscow's tradition-al links with Iran and Iraq. Otherwise he can be expected to do President Yeltsin's bidding on foreign policy. In the past two years, Mr Yeltsin has made clear that he is strongly opposed to the enlargement of Nato into Eastern Europe.

He has begun to make strong statements about the 25 million Russians living in the rest of the former Soviet Union and has insisted on Moscow's right to sell nuclear technol-

ogy to Iran. Mr Primakov can be relied on to provide a tough face for tough policies. His appointment shows that Mr Yeltsin has decided to rely more on men of his generation than on the young reformers he used to surround himself with.

Bosnia tribunal studies Britons' torture claims

By Michael Evans, defence correspondent

crimes tribunal is seeking to interview five soldiers of The Royal Welch Fusiliers who were among 33 members of the regiment held hostage by the Bosnian Serbs last year. after allegations of psychologi-

cal torture and mistreatment. It is the first time that British soldiers serving in Bosnia-Herzegovina have made allegations sufficiently serious to be considered by the tribunal based in The Hague.

All 33 soldiers from The Royal Welch Fusiliers who were captured by the Serbs while serving in Gorazde, the Muslim enclave in eastern Bosnia-Herzegovina, were debriefed when they were returned to Britain after up to ten days as hostages. A full report on the debriefings was passed to the tribunal.

Sources close to the tribunal said there was at least one case of a soldier enduring a mock execution in which a Serb held



David Jones, one of the fusiliers held hostage

a gun to his head and said he would be shot if another Nato aircraft flew overhead to drop

The sources said there may have been other mock executions and one soldier suffering from a kidney disorder was refused treatment. Others had been chained to Serb military installations.

A spokesman for the tribunal, which has so far dealt with 52 war crimes allegations in the former Yugoslavia and indicted 12 individuals, said: The taking of hostages and their use as human shields are part of our investigations." The first batch of 11 soldiers

STEVE FOSSETT, the Chica-

the globe in a balloon, last

night reached the Atlantic

Ocean after lifting off from South Dakota on Monday.

snow-covered eastern states

without problems in Solo

Challenger, he will today

attempt the perilous Atlantic

crossing. His team of meteo-rologists has advised him to

fly lower and therefore more

slowly to avoid unfavourable

weather over Western Europe They hope he will fly

south towards the Mediterra-

nean from where he will

continue towards the Middle

East and Kazahkstan.

Having flown across the

go banker who aims to be the first man to circumnavigate

THE United Nations war who were released after five days last June said they were well-treated but they were under orders to say nothing controversial because of lears for the remaining hostages.

Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb leader, and General Ratko Mladic, the Serb army commander, were told that they would be held personally responsible for the well-being of the British soldiers.

Apart from the 33 members of The Royal Welch Fusiliers, an RAF officer, Flight Lieutenant Andy Hall was also held hostage.

A spokesman for the Ministry of Defence said: "Happily all the hostages were released and returned safely."

The tribunal, which has to ask permission to interview the five soldiers, is expected to study the allegations as potential "grave breaches" of the Geneva Convention. James Gow, a British aca-

demic who gave evidence to the first hearing of the tribu-nal last year, said: "Any allegations like this should be passed to the tribunal and I would hope that the Government would give every assistance in pursuing the matter." The 1st Battalion Royal Welch Fusiliers is currently

based at Beadley barracks near Chepstow. Last month the regiment published a diary of its six-month deployment in Gorazde, which was one of the most dangerous tours by a British infantry battalion in the three-year UN peacekeeping operation.

The diary, written mainly by Lieutenant-Colonel Jonathon Riley, the commanding officer of the battalion, did not refer to the mistreatment of the hostages. Colonel Riley did not wish to make any comment yesterday.

David Clark, the Shadow Defence Secretary, said it was vital that all allegations of psychological torture should be fully investigated and that the Ministry of Defence should allow the soldiers to give evidence to the war crimes tribunal.

Labour tried to raise the torture allegations in the Commons yesterday, but Nicholas Soames, the Armed Forces Minister, said he was unaware of the reports of

monitors the voyage from Loyola University in Chicago.

said: "It is extremely cold up

there, around -40C (-40F). Re-

positioning him at below

18,000ft may also make it a bit

warmer for him. He is desper-

ately trying to catch up on

Mr Fossett's problems will

significantly improve Richard

Branson's chances of beating him. The British tycoon is due

to lift off from Morocco in

Virgin Global Challenger

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heated and pressurised and

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some sleep.

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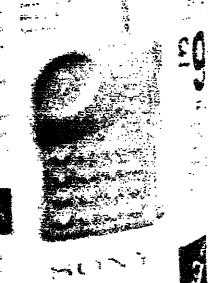
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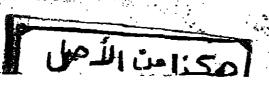


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Morocco takes up Islamic challenge

FROM MARK HUBAND

Riot police blocked the streets near the El-Quds mosque in the Moroccan city of Sale yesterday evening as young Islamists finished their prayers.

In his house within sight of the minaret. Sheikh Ahdessalam Yassine. Morocco's most controversial fundamentalist leader, was meeting his followers in the banned Justice and Spirituality Islamic movement. Six years after he was placed under house arrest Sheikh Yassine was recently allowed to pray at the mosque and address his followers. The Government has since reimposed restrictions on him.

Haunted by the violence in neighbouring Algeria, ment has played a careful game with Islamic groups. trying to dilute their power without boosting their credentials as martyrs. "It is the human rights

culture." Muhammad Ziyane, the Minister for Human Rights, said, "You cannot prevent someone from living just because he does not believe the same things as me."

Mr Ziyane's approach typifies the modernising trend in government policy, but there is another element in the debate. "If the democratic rules established by the King are not respected |by the Islamists|, then they will not be able to play a political role. If there is one small word about Islam in their political programme, their party will be forbidden." he

King Hassan, as well as being hereditary head of state, is also Commander of the Faithful a direct descendant of the Prophet Muhammad and the leader of Morocco's Muslims. Any attempt by the Islamists to politicise Islam would question the King's

We are against violence, but we constitute a threat because we are non ular. Fatallah Arsalen, deputy to Sheikh Yassine. said. "We think the situation will become explosive and everybody will be

desperate for change." The activists prefer to condemn non-Islamic traditions than to offer detailed solutions to the country's problems. That way they are able to confront issues affecting the heart of government without appearing politically revolutionary.

British envoy was target of plot by Muslim terrorists

FROM ABBY TAN IN MANILA AND JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

POLICE in the Philippines five international Muslim terrorists who allegedly plotted to kill foreign diplomats, including the British Ambassador.

The five, belonging to a group called Hezb al-Dawaa al-Islamiya founded by an Iraqi, eluded a dragnet in December that caught 35 suspected terrorists who carried mostly Pakistani or Middle Eastern passports.

Police intelligence sources said the four diplomats targeted were the British Ambassador. Adrian Thorpe, and the Ambassadors of Spain, Australia and New Zealand. Police intelligence reports imply that these ambassadors were targeted because the al-Islamiah group had cells in their countries. The Filipino cell was organised in 1992, the reports say, and the assassingtions were to be carried out by bombing.

Diplomats in Manila are taking the threats seriously hut would not comment further. Matthew Gould, at the British Embassy, said: "We have been co-operating with the Philippine authorities." The Australian Embassy said: We were aware of it for a couple of weeks."

There has been a heightened alert against terrorism in the Philippines since it discovered a plot by foreign Islamic extremist groups to kill the Pope during his visit to Manila exactly a year ago.

President Ramos was also targeted in the same plot. Since then, at least two dozen Middle East citizens have been arrested before a crackdown last month in which 35 people have been seized.

THE case of a Moroccan

waiter mistakenly killed by

Mossad 23 years ago has

returned to worry Shimon

Peres, the Israeli Prime Minis-

ter. A Norwegian parliamen-

tary delegation determined to

secure an admission of guilt

and compensation for the

family arrives in Israel today. Ahmed Bouchiki was shot

in Lillehammer as he returned

from a cinema with his preg-

nant wife. He had been mistaken for one of the Pales-

unians responsible for the 1972

Munich Ólympics massacre

of II Israeli athletes, Israel has

never formally admitted kill-

Among those held in the latest some Abu Sayyaf members sweep was Adel Annon, whom police identified as the twin brother of Ramzi Ahmed Yousef, who is to go on trial in New York later this year on charges of masterminding the 1993 bombing of the World Trade Centre as well as for plotting simultaneous attacks on US airliners from the

Mr Yousef was named as the bomber of a Philippine Airlines flight to Tokyo in October 1994 in which one Japanese passenger was killed. That anack was supposed to be a trial run of a spectacular bombing of several American aircraft flying the Pacific route.

Recaredo Sarmiento, the police chief, said: "We could only surmise that the foreign terrorists are here to train local Muslim fundamentalists since it is open knowledge that



Thorpe: one of four

Family of waiter murdered by

Mossad seeks compensation

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

more than just an assumption.

A Norwegian court has estab-

lished this, but Israel has

never faced up to it," said the

Norwegian Foreign Minister,

Bjorn Tore Godal, on the eve

of the delegation's departure.

"Israel must now recognise its responsibility and do the right

from within his own Cabinet

for a formal admission of guilt

on the Government's behalf.

Shulamit Aloni, the Commun-

ications Minister, said: "Nor-

way is a friendly country.

Bouchiki was not a terrorist.

Mr Peres faces pressure

thing in the Bouchiki case."

To put it mildly, that Israel We killed him by mistake.

killed an innocent man is Therefore, we should pay com-

also fought in Afghanistan." The Abu Sayyal is the Philippines' home-grown extremist group which has forged links with Afghanistan and Pakistan-based terrorists.

Last week. President Ramos announced that he was seeking increased international cooperation to fight local terrorists. In recent years the Asian base for Middle East terrorist groups, partly be-cause of lax security and a minority Muslim population. among whom are militant organisations, with religious links to Arab countries.

Last night, the authorities said they would tighten laws for foreigners from "high risk" countries so as to curtail the movement of international

American prosecutors say Mr Yousef. 27, the suspected leader of the terrorist ring in the Philippines, fled the United States on a flight to Pakistan on the day of the World Trade Centre blast. He used a Pakistani passport bearing the name Abdul Basit: then, he returned to Manila where he allegedly plotted the bombing of Il US airliners.

The plot to kill the Pope collapsed six days before the broke out in the terrorist group's Manila safe-house. A reward of \$2 million (£1.3 million) offered by the American Government led to a tipoff that resulted in Mr Yousel's capture at a guest house in Islamabad, the Pakistani capital, last February. Since his arrest, many of his accomplices have been report-

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In December, the Norwe-

gian Government asked its

parliament to pay \$39,000 (£25,000) to Mr Bouchiki's

Norwegian-born widow and

his daughter, born two

months after he died. Before

he was murdered, Lille-

hammer had not recorded a

His son has retained an

Israeli lawyer and plans to sue Israel for at least \$115,000.

murder for 40 years.

involvement in the murder.



Malcolm Rifkind answers questions in Peking yesterday with Sir Leonard Appleyard, Britain's Ambassador

Rifkind confident TV film will not cause breach with Peking

By James Pringle in peking and Eve-Ann Prentice, diplomatic correspondent

THE controversial documentary on Channel 4 last night alleging abuse of Chinese orphans will not adversely affect Sino-British relations, according to Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary.

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The programme had been expected to signal the start of another downturn in ties, so Mr Rifkind's statement last night lightened what had appeared to be a

gathering gloom.

Qian Qichen, the Chinese Foreign
Minister, obviously did not mince words when Mr Rifkind raised human rights issues in several hours of talks. The Foreign Secretary said Mr Qian had defended Chinese orphanages in "robust

Mr Rifkind added: "At no time was it implied that the subject matter of the programme |Return to the Dying Rooms | would have implications for

Sino-British relations. The two sides still disagreed, however, about the future of Hong Kong's tive Council. Peking reiterated its position on disbanding the body on the resumption of Chinese rule in 1997. Mr Rifkind defended the position of Chris Patten, the Governor, who the Chinese have threatened to sideline.

Despite the delicacy of these talks, the Foreign Secretary said he also raised the issue of Tibet and the "need for dialogue with the Tibetans and the Dalai Lama". He said he had also brought up China's leading human rights activist. Wei Jingsheng, sentenced late last year to 14 years in jail for plotting to overthrow the Government. Mr Rifkind said he had told Mr Qian that the sentence had been "very, very harsh indeed in comparison

to what appeared to be the minor offences with which he was charged". The Chinese Foreign Minister mentioned that journalists had been permitted on Monday to visit an orphanage in Shanghai that is at the centre of allegations by Human Rights Watch/Asia that China has allowed

many orphans in care to die. "I emphasised that the best way the Chinese could reassure the world would be to show complete transparency and thus demonstrate there was nothing to hide." Mr Rifkind said.

In London, the Chinese Embassy issued a lengthy rebuttal of the claims made in Return to the Dying Rooms. "Although tremendous progress has been made in all aspects of life, China, a



Bellamy: praise for "brave" one-child policy in Peking

developing country, still has 6 per cent of its population living below the poverty line. It inevitably has problems of this or that kind," said a statement issued by Liu Jianchao, First Secretary.

Mr Rifkind will have a further chance today to pursue human rights when he meets Li Peng, the Prime Minister, who ordered the Tianarmen Square crack-down in 1989. Tomorrow Mr Rifkind is to see President Jiang Zemin.

Peking meanwhile received support from an unexpected quarter yesterday then David Bellamy, the environmentalist, described China's one-childper-family policy as "brave". The plan lies at the heart of the orphanages row.

Dr Bellamy, president of the charity Population Concern, whose annual report is published today, said: "China has taken a brave decision which was forced on her. They knew they could not feed all their people but if they had taken the ears earner mey had a two-children-per-family policy."

Or Bellamy also praised China's ability to feed itself, largely with the help of recycled sewage used as fertiliser, saying: "Fourteen out of China's 16 biggest cities are food self-sufficient."

The environmentalist, who has spent nearly two months in China, also lauded

the importance it places on plant life. "Most of China's botanists were not killed during the Cultural Revolution because they understood their importance," Dr Bellamy said.

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South Korea coup plotter accused of building up huge slush fund

FROM REUTER IN SECUL

CHUN Doo Hwan, the for-mer President of South Korea, already indicted for masterminding a 1970 coup. had amassed more than \$650 million (£420 million) in siush funds during his 1980-88 term in office, prosecutors were quoted as saving vesterday.

It has been confirmed that Mr Chun stashed more money than ex-President Roh Tae Woo while he was in office." Choi Wan, the senior prosecutor, was reported to have told journalists. Mr Roh. Mr Chun's immediate successor as President has admitted collecting \$654 million in slush funds during his 1988-93 term in office. Mr Roh is on mial for

corruption for allegedly ac-

cepting kickbacks from business moguls. He has been indicted twice — once for bribery and again for his role in the coup led by Mr Chun. The prosecution has said that Mr Chun was expected to be indicted a second time for corruption after an earlier charge of mutiny. Officials were not available to confirm

alleged slush fund.
"In terms of the size and mobilisation techniques of the slush fund. Mr Chun appears to have been more adept than Mr Roh," Korean newspapers and state television quoted Mr Choi as saying. Mr Chun. in hospital after a four-week hunger strike, has refused to admit the alleged bribery

the reports about Mr Chun's

charges. The prosecutors have investigations into the military been investigating the military coup that was followed in May 1980 by an army massacre of pro-democracy protesters in the southwestern city of Kwangju. The uprising was in protest against the imposition of martial law by Mr Chun. then the military strongman who took power in August 1980 and ruled the country until 1988.

Demonstrators raided armouries and seized control of the city for several days. Official reports said about 200 students and citizens were killed in the crackdown, but dissidents and residents said the toll was much higher. State prosecutors visiting Kwangju yesterday continued

did not participate in the revolt, were killed and secretly buried by soldiers, state television said. In Seoul, prosecutors sum-

moned for questioning Chun Ho Yong, a national assembly member, then the special warfare commander, and Soh

Chun Yol. then martial law commander for the region surrounding Kwangju.

crackdown by taking evidence

from witnesses and victims.

Witnesses said soldiers even

used flame-throwers during

the crackdown; one victim

said he and two others were

Prosecutors also investigat-

ed allegations that many civil-

ians, including residents who

seriously burnt.

Indian law fails to defend women

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN DELHI

NEARLY 1.000 women are raped in india every month, according to new official figures that belie the depth of a crisis. The real figure is perhaps six or seven times as high.

The pursuit of women is known as "Eve teasing". Travelling alone on a bus or train is difficult for younger Indian women because of almost inevitable taunts or approaches. A battery of laws designed to protect them is practically meaningless: womens' rights groups say sexual harassment on public transport and at work is unchecked and that police

are reluctant to become involved. The latest figures on crimes against women show that nearly 6,000 women were killed in 1993 for failing to produce sufficient dowry. Giving and receiving dowry is illegal but almost everybody does it there is an unofficial rate for every kind of male occupation, with

senior bureaucrats commanding some of the largest amounts - thousands of pounds - because of their job security. status and prospects for enrichment

through corruption. Dowry deaths are usually by burning because they can be blamed on kitchen accidents. Lack of forensic science expertise among the police makes it easy for most murderers to get away with the

The National Crime Record Bureau says about 5 per cent of rapes involve girls under the age of ten. Every month 7,000 crimes against women are registered, but the number of unreported crimes is enormous. A raped woman often says nothing because of the consequences if her husband or family

find out. Slow court procedures mean that up to S0 per cent of rape cases remain pending in the courts, and many lapse because witness or victims back out. A similar backlog is reported in murder cases relating to downy deaths.

Young women want fewer children than their parents' generation, creating a boom in illegal abortions. The National Commission for Women says there are up to six million illegal terminations a year because legal services are not widely available in rural areas.

For all this, women are making gradual progress in some areas. More are entering the workforce and 39 per cent of women are literate, compared with 9 per cent 40 years ago. There are about 50 women MPs in the 537-seat Lok Sabha (lower house of parliament). In an unprecedented breakthrough, a woman Dalit (untouchable) last year became chief minister of Uttar Pradesh, although she has since been ousted.

China tells America to rescind visa

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

STRAINED Sino-American relations soured further yesterday after China expressed "strong displeasure" over a decision by the United States to grant a transit visa to the Vice-President of Taiwan.

American officials tried to play down the critical Chinese response, but it seemed clear this was the first shot in a new diplomatic dispute.

On Saturday, America said Lee Yuan-tsu could make a stopover in Los Angeles on his way to Guatemala tomorrow and on his return next week. China's Foreign Ministry said that by allowing the visa, the American Government had violated its "one China" policy.

"In disregard of the solemn representations and resolute opposition of the Chinese side. the US side still went on its way to make its erroneous decision." said Chen Jian, the ministry spokesman. The Chinese side would like to express its concern and strong displeasure. We demand the US Covernment strictly abide by the principles enshrined in

the three joint communiqués." Washington-Peking relations plummeted last year after the private but much publicised visit to America by Taiwan's President Lee Tenghui. Added tensions over trade and missile sales to Pakistan and Iran, and reports of renewed human rights abuses in Tibet came to a head with the arrest on spying charges of Harry Wu, the Chinese-Amer-

ican human rights activist. His release paved the way for a United Nations conference visit to China by Hillary Clinton where she attacked China for harassing activists.

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White House says President would have liked to punch Safire on the nose

Columnist brands the First Lady as 'congenital liar'

THE White House lashed out yesterday at both a leading conservative columnist who had labelled Hillary Clinton a "congenital liar" and at the First Lady's chief Republican

scourge.
Mike McCurry, the White House press secretary, said that President Clinton would like to have punched William Safire on the nose for the columnists outrageous personal attack on his wife in Monday's New York Times.

Safire's column was head-

lined "Blizzard of Lies" and began: "Americans of all persuasions are coming to the sad realisation that our First Lady - a woman of undoubted talents who was a role model for many in her generation - is a congenital liar.

"Drip by drip, like Whitewater torture, the case is being made that she is comto mislead, and to ensnare her subordinates and friends in a web of deceit."

At the same time the First Lady's lawyer sent a letter to Alfonse D'Amato, the Senate Whitewater committee chairman, demanding that he sub-stantiate the wholly unfounded and completely false" accusations he had levelled at her on Sunday. "I don't believe you can," concluded the lawyer, David Kendall.

This new furore over Mrs Clinton's veracity was trig-gered when the White House last week suddenly "discovered" and released two longsought sets of documents.

Mr D'Amato insisted that there were "tremendous inconsistencies" between these documents and Mrs Clinton's sworn statements to investigators claiming minimal in-volvement with either the bankrupt bank at the heart of the Whitewater affair or the 1993 dismissal of the White House travel office staff.

The Republican senator said those statements were "at variance with the truth", exposed the First Lady to



Hillary Clinton: could face perjury hearings

charges of perjury, and would be the subject of new congressional hearings.

The documents included billing records showing that, as an Arkansas lawyer in the 1980s, Mrs Clinton did about \$7,000 (£4,516) worth of work for the bank, Madison Guaranty, which was owned by the Clintons' business partner. That work included advice on a highly suspect land deal that hastened the bank's collapse and is now the subject of a criminal investigation.

Safire noted the White House had miraculously "found" the records just two days after the deadline for suing professionals who advised the corrupt Savings and Loans company. The docu-ments also included an aide's memo explicitly blaming the First Lady for the dismissal of the seven innocent employees of the travel office, whose business was coveted by one of her Hollywood friends.

The White House suggested that the aide was disgruntled because he had been disciplined for his role in the sackings, but on Monday night ABC television produced

Sex case against **Clinton** 'can go to trial'

a second memo that the same

reprimand which quoted Mrs

Clinton as saying: "We need those people out. We need our

The media is now openly

questioning the First Lady's truthfulness. A Washington Post editorial declared that

"the First Lady has some explaining to do". The New

York Times bemoaned the

Clintons' endless "obfusca-

whenever the White House

pronounces the (Whitewater)

story dead, something else crops up to challenge the First Couple's credibility". The con-

servative Washington Times

lamented that "the only con-

sistency this Administration

has displayed is its aversion to

Safire predicted Mrs Clin-ton would sink into deeper

trouble. He said Mrs Clinton's

friends and aides had stone-

walled or deceived investiga-

tors in an effort to protect the

First Lady, but were begin-

ning to have second thoughts.
They were willing to cover

her lying when it advanced

their careers, but are inclined

to listen to their own lawyers

when faced with perjury in-dictments." Safire's column

highlighted what he called the

First Lady's "series of lies" on

everything from Whitewater

to the killing she made on the

commodities market with the

help of a friend in 1979 — "a

Mr McCurry retorted that

columnists have the right to

write what they want to, even

when it's an outrageous per-sonal attack that has no basis

in fact. The President, if he

were not the President, would

have delivered a more forceful

response to that on the bridge

Mr McCurry's angry words

are certain to dog the national tour on which Mrs Clinton is

about to embark to promote

Village - on raising children.

of Mr Safire's nose".

\$100,000 bribe".

the truth"

PRESIDENT CLINTON suffered a big embarrassment yesterday when a court ruling that had postponed a sexual harassment case against the President until after he left office was overturned.

By a two-to-one margin, the federal appeals court decreed that Paula Jones, a former Arkansas state employee, should be allowed to proceed with her suit now. It rejected a White House argument that Presidents should be protectfrom frivolous or politicalinspired lawsuits that ould distract them from their duties, saying: "A sitting President is not immune from civil suits for his unofficial

Mr Clinton's lawyers will, if ecessary, go all the way to the Supreme Court to stop the case coming to trial, a process they should be able to spin out well beyond November's pres-

Yesterday's ruling will, nevertheless, remind voters of another highly embarrassing episode at a time when Mr Clinton's wife, Hillary, is in deep trouble over both Whitewater and the sacking of the White House travel office.

It will also add to the Clintons' crushing legal bills. Since taking office they have run up more than \$2 million in legal costs while defending themselves against Whitewater charges and the Paula Jones case.

Ms Jones filed a detailed lawsuit claiming \$750,000 (£480,000) in damages from the President in May 1994, two days before the statute of limitations expired. She alleged that in 1991, when Mr Clinton was Arkansas Governor and she was a state employee. he used a state trooper to entice her to a Little Rock hotel room, where he sexually harassed her after she rebuffed his initial crude

Mr Clinton's high-powered lawyers strongly denied the



Paula Jones, who says Bill Clinton sexually harassed her when he was Governor of Arkansas, won the right to pursue her claim while he holds the presidency

charge, portraying Ms Jones as a money-grabbing opportunist and a pawn of the various conservative groups backing her.

Robert Bennett, Mr Clinton's chief lawyer, had argued that allowing the case to proceed would set a precedent of exposing sitting Presidents to lawsuits by anyone who disagreed with their policies.

But Gilbert Davis, Ms Jones's attorney, has asserted that his client is due the same rights to a trial as anyone else.

In December 1994, a district judge in Little Rock refused to dismiss the case but ruled that it should not go to trial until after Mr Clinton left office. That ruling has now been reversed. "Obviously we are a little disappointed, but there was a very strong dissenting

low, assuming it takes the case," said Mr Bennett. He has two weeks to persuade a circuit court to exam-

ine the matter. If it agrees,

opinion ... which we believe

the Supreme Court will fol-

both sides would be allowed to argue their case anew, a process that could take months

If it refuses. Mr Bennett would have 90 days to file a direct appeal to the Supreme Court. It's a case I would expect them |the Surpreme Court to hear," he said. "You have some very important constitutional issues here."

The court would, however, probably not consider the matter until its next term. which begins in October.

East Coast blizzards kill at least 50

FROM TOM RHODES

FROM Alabama to Maine the American East Coast remained under a frozen blanket yesterday as dying blizzards continued and left at least 50 dead, with a third of the country buried under record snowfalls.

States of emergency were still in force from Kentucky to New York, thousands of stu-dents and schoolchildren stayed at home and airports opened only gradually. Digging out was expected to take

several days.
The Government in Wash ington, due to have opened on Monday for the first time in more than three weeks since the budget impasse began, stayed closed for the second day with most of its federal workers happy to make swift sorties to the few grocery shops that had opened.

Worst affected was Philadelphia which was paralysed by its worst storm this century. Side streets disappeared under 4ft-high drifts. Twothirds of the city's police cars were snowbound.

The Philadelphia Inquirer was trying to start its presses again yesterday after failing to publish for the first time in its 166-year history. In the circumstances, Mark Schweiker the Lieutenant-Governor, had ruled that newspapers were 'not essential".

Debbie and Frank Winters. who married at the weekend, were equally unfortunate. They postponed their honeymoon in Ireland after staying the night at John F. Kennedy International Airport in New York. "We spent the night on chairs with a little sign saying Just Married ", Mrs Winters said. She returned to her home in Ridge, New York last night. It was the worst day of my

The legacy of the storm, which claimed lives mostly in traffic accidents, has been to freeze an already sluggish economy. Much of the daily business on the East Coast was at a standstill and is not expected to return to normal until next week. Initial estimates suggest that the cost to the economy will be herween \$5 billion and \$10 billion (£3.2 hillion and So.4 billion).

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statement, however, was prob-

ably sartorial. Disappointing

one newspaper columnist who

had jokingly urged him to

wear a toga in the manner of a

Roman emperor, he wore a

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Mayor than with an unclothed

one," an onlooker said, refer-

ring to Mr Jordan's disastrous

attempt to win extra votes by

Mr Brown has carefully avoided talk of national poli-

ties during his mayoral cam-

paign, although after three

decades in the California as-

posing naked in a shower.

"People are far more com-

His most eagerly awaited

ence in the city.

\$3,000 Brioni suit.

San Francisco in

party mood for its

first black Mayor

FROM GILES WHITTELL IN LOS ANGELES

Mafia was helped by Andreotti, court told

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME

TOMMASO BUSCETTA, a former mafioso, supported in court yesterday accusations that Giulio Andreoni, the former Prime Minister, was the guarantor of the Mafia in Rome for nearly half a decade.

"I could have fingered Andreotti from the begin-ning of my collaboration [with the state], but such was his power that I would have been deemed ridiculous and my statements about the military power of the Mafia would have been in vain," Signor Buscetta told the court in

He recalled his membership of the Mafia since the 1940s as a "soldier" loyal to the underworld boss Luciano Liggio and his past contacts with the

American mob. He said he spoke to FBI investigators about Signor Andreotti after Giovanni Falcone, a magistrate, was murdered in 1992.

Signor Buscetta described relations berween two Mafia tax collectors, the Salvos, and Signor Andreotti, which he has repeatedly denied. "The Salvos spoke to me several times of Andreotti as if he was an intimate confidant of theirs and that they could count on his help at any moment. They also called him 'uncle' with me, perhaps not to men-tion his name. In the Cosa Nostra we never talked of specific matters because one does not ask questions in the Mafia."

Signor Buscetta also said that Gaetano Badalamenti, a Mafia boss, told him that Signor Andreom had arranged for Filippo Rimi, Signor Badalamenti's brother-inlaw, to be cleared of murder charges.

Signor Andreotti denies charges that he served as protector in Rome. The mial is continuing.

Last Mitterrand manuscript will answer critics of Vichy links

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

Bonn owns up to difficulties over

meeting monetary union targets

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

FRANCOIS MITTERRAND left behind an 800-page autobiographical manuscript, his postscript to a brilliant but ambiguous political career, it was disclosed yesterday, a day after the former President's death from prostate cancer.

The manuscript covers M Mitterrand's life from the Second World War to the end of his second seven-year term in 1995. Most crucially, it includes a discussion of his activities as an official in the Vichy regime, his publisher, Odile Jacob, said.

M Mitterrand was angered by allegations of collaboration and the corruption scandals that marred his final years in office. Knowing death was approaching, he tried to ensure what he considered his rightful place in history. Since last May, when M Mitterrand left the Elysée Palace, there have been persistent rumours that he was close to complet-

GERMANY almost certainly

failed to meet one of the

Maastricht criteria last year,

according to Theo Waigel, the

The Bavarian politician, ad-

dressing colleagues from the Christian Social Union,

looked rather sheepish yester-

day when he admitted that

Germany would probably not

stay within the European

monetary union targets for

Precise figures are only due in the middle of this month,

but it is already clear that

even Germany is having diffi-

culty scraping into the mone-tary union. If entry to the

EMU were assessed on the

basis of last year's data, only

Luxembourg would qualify.

His comments came as

President Kwasniewski of Po-

land arrived for a visit yester-

day to secure German support

for Warsaw's early entry to

the European Union and

new indebtedness.

The manuscript comprises two parts: a series of inter-

views with the French journalist, Georges-Marc Benamou, covering the early part of his life, including his wartime activities, which has been "completely rewritten" by M Mitterrand, and a second section made up of personal notes on his subsequent political career. The book will doubtless be

hailed by M Mitterrand's supporters as the definitive account of his life and damned as a posthumous rewriting of history by his detractors. Mme Jacob said that the book should not be seen as M Mitterrand's "memoirs" but as a "mosaic work about 50 years of political and historic life".

Tomorrow, which has been declared a national day of mourning, M Mitterrand will

Nato. Mr Kwasniewski's trip,

his first port of call since his

election last year, was also

aimed at quashing doubts on

and Czechoslovakia for early

entry to the EU has now come

into the open and Mr Kwas-

niewski's visit signalled that he regarded Helmut Kohl, the

Chancellor, as the champion

Herr Waigel blamed yester

day the lax spending habits of

state governments and local

authorities. According to the

Maastricht terms, members

of the monetary union have to

keep new debts to less than 3

per cent of GDP and German

officials have been urging

member states to aim for a l

per cent target. Financial

sources said yesterday that

the Germans were likely to have notched up new public

debts equivalent to 3.5 per

cent of GDP. But the Finance

Rivalry between Poland

his Communist past.

of Polish interests.

ing a last book to answer his be buried at his home town of Jarnac. John Major will lead the British delegation to the Paris memorial ceremony. Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, President Mubarak of Egypt, and Felipe Gonzalez, the Spanish Prime Minister, are expected to attend. The French Embassy in London has opened a book of

condolence. Alain Juppé, the French Prime Minister, has ordered that flags on all official buildings should be flown at halfmast to mark the occasion, but in contrast to the state funeral for Charles de Gaulle, schools and administrative offices will

Hundreds of mourners gathered yesterday outside the Paris apartment where M Mitterrand died, to place flowers on the pavement and bid farewell to France's longestserving President.

The Socialist faithful, many

Minister was confident that

Germany would qualify on

the basis of 1997 data. "But the

federal states will have to

make much bigger savings in

Local government cuts are

Kwasniewski; sees Kohl

as Poland's champion

carrying the party symbol of a single red rose, queued for up to an hour before, one by one, they filed past 9. Avenue Frédéric-le-Play, and penned their farewells in condolence books beneath kiosks draped with funereal purple cloth. "To the memory of a great

man," wrote Eric Chaussier, after adding his rose to the vast pile of flowers by the steps of the apartment block in the shadow of the Eiffel Tower. M Chaussier, a self-styled "Socialist to the death", explained that M Mitterrand's election in 1981 had been "the happiest day of my life".

Local florists sold out of red roses, and while not all Parisians shared M Chaussier's enthusiasm for the late President the solemnity of the simple ritual left few bystanders unmoved.

"I did not like him," said a taxi driver. "But he had strength. He was a fighter."

beginning to bite. Bonn city

council has been switching off

traffic lights to save money;

other city councils are closing

Germany has been spared much of the pain felt by the

French in trying to meet the

Maastricht criteria. But there

has been a shift in mood over

the past few weeks. The

economic recovery is only

limping along. The increasing

unemployment figures are

adding to the gloom. Yester-

day it was announced that the

number of Germans without

☐ Suspended term: Wolfgang

Vogel, the 70-year-old East

German lawyer who mediated about 100 spy swaps dur-ing the Cold War, was

sentenced to a two-year sus-

pended jail term after being

found guilty of bullying East

German emigrés into selling

their property at cut-price

rates in return for exit visas.

a job topped 3.8 million.

swimming pools.



Madonna: "the system can, and does, work"

Madonna stalker convicted

By GILES WHITTELL

MADONNA has emerged from her brush with a stalker not only unscathed, but as a self-styled champion of women and celebrities in fear of their obsessive admirers.

A jury took only four and a half hours to convict Robert Dewey Hoskins, 38, on five counts of stalking and making "terrorist threats" against the singer and her staff last year. The prosecution will press for the maximum IIyear jail term when he is sentenced next month. Afterwards Madonna is-

sued a statement saying she hoped "this case lets other stalking victims know that the system can, and does, work". In fact, the system nearly broke down over her refuetance to testify. California's pioneering anti-stalking law requires victims to testify in person, but Madonna repeatedly claimed that the prospect scared her. She eventually appeared last week on pain of arrest for contempt of court. bringing with her a circus atmosphere reminiscent of the O.J. Simpson trial.

Her performance on the witness stand proved compelling. "She was very real, very believable." a male juror said of her testimony, which included detailed accounts of nightmares about Hoskins. "We all walked away feeling

she was frightened."

Hoskins. described in court simply as "a homeless man', broke into Madonna's Hollywood Hills estate twice last spring.



President Clinton marked the inauguration of San Francis-

co's first black Mayor. Willie Brown, a former shoeshine boy from segregated small-town Texas, has angered critics who call him a mere deal-maker on behalf of special interests. On Monday, however, bold promises and

MASSED choirs, a huge

street party and a ribuld

telephone conversation with

undeniable charisma swept into the "City by the Bay" on his bespoke Italian coat-tails. After four years under Frank Jordan, a stolid former police chief, the city that prides itself on style and tolerance welcomed its new Mayor with fireworks from the quayside. music from 50 choirs and free meals for 10,000 homeless people from 75 restaurants.

Festivity touched even the day's most solemn moment. After administering the oath of office, John Dearman, a state Supreme Court judge and fellow black American. introduced Mr Brown to a crowd of 7,500 as "da Mayor". The pair then mimicked basketball players, saluting each other with "high lives".

In his inaugural speech Mr Brown sided unmistakably with public spending and affirmative action, which are both political bogeys elsewhere in the United States. He appointed the first black head of the fire department. the first Chinese American to head the police department. and promised a \$2 million (El.29 million) youth centre for

one of the city's poorest neigh-bourhoods. Mr Brown also

sembly he is one of the nation's most recognised and powerful Democrats. A call from the White House came through minutes after the inauguration speech, but the Mayor was put on hold for

ten minutes before the President finally came on the line. When he did, Mr Brown declared the atmosphere in San Francisco to be 'just incredible. There is no snow and no Republicans."

The throng, which included the Rev Jesse Jackson, the civil rights activist, then moved to a disused wharf for a \$300,000 public party paid for by sociery figures and corporations who have supported Mr Brown's campaign.

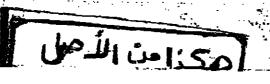
The homeless are elsewhere. plain that the free meals were a device "to draw homeless people away from the party*.



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Day 3 of our series: Vitality and vitamins — plus an age-old problem...

Is it true that food supplements can help us to stay young? Below, Rita Carter explains how increased doses of vitamins may reduce the risk of major life-threatening diseases, and Dr Thomas Stuttaford offers some helpful advice to couples who find their love lives flagging in middle age

■ Opposite, we look at ways to stay bright and alert well into old age



TOMORROW

- The truth about the male menopause, and the effects of HRT on women, by Jeremy Laurance
- How learning to breathe properly will keep you young, by Leslie Kenton
- How effective are the remedies for baldness, by Rita Carter

Pills that offer the elixir of life

SUPPLEMENTS CAN PREVENT AGE-RELATED DISEASES

re food supplements really necessary? The answer is no. Provided you eat a alanced diet, you can survive nore than survive. They want

glow and bounce with health and energy; they want to remain wrinkle-free and sexually frolicsome and, above ill, they want to go on that ay for a long, long time. ood supplements promise these things, and there is more

and more evidence to suggest they can deliver. It is now widely accepted that vitamins and minerals, taken in doses larger than are normally iound in the UK diet, can help to prevent nearly all the major

For example, antioxidant supplements such as vitamins A. C and E have been shown, fall into five main categories.

repeatedly, to reduce the risk of heart disease, cancer, strokes and cataracts. Some studies have suggested that high-dose antioxidant supplements may even prevent Parkinson's disease. Garlic reduces blood pressure, while

ginseng is said to boost libido. Thiamine has been found in one study to reduce the symptoms of Aizheimer's disease: chromium seems to help to prevent middle-age spread and late-onset diabetes, and calcium plus vitamin D supplements help to guard against osteoporosis. Greenlipped mussel and shark cartilage extracts reduce symptoms of arthritis, and evening primrose ou can help ageing skin elastic.

However exotic their names and miraculous the claims for them, nearly all supplements

The most important, as far as ageing is concerned, are antioxidants. These work by mopping up free radicals which can damage your DNA and

are another major group. These help the body to combat infection and some cancers. Bodybuilders provide the raw body cells. Metabolic catalysts help physiological processes to run smoothly. Absorption aids ensure that other compounds get used properly.

It is unwise to try mixing and matching. You are better on buying one of the comi supplements products which gives all your daily requirements in one pill.

RITA CARTER



VITAMIN A

Type: antioxidant, dose: 7,500iu, protects eyesight; helps to repair skin, nails and hair; may help to prevent mouth and lung cancer.

VITAMIN BI2

Type: metabolic catalyst/body-builder, dose: 500mcg, protects against anaemia; boosts energy; reputed to help to counteract depression and confusion.

BETA-CAROTENE Type: antioxidant/immune booster

dose: 6mg, protects skin from sun damage; boosts immunity; helps to prevent lung disease.

VITAMIN C Type: antioxidant, dose: 500-

WHAT A SUPPLEMENTARY ANTI-AGEING DOSE CAN DO FOR YOU

1.000mg, helps to repair skin; boosts resistance to infection; prevents cataracts and gum disease. Possible protection against Parkinson's disease.

VITAMIN E

Type: antioxidant/immune booster, dose: 400iu. delays skin ageing: protects against cardiovascular disease; possibly boosts energy levels.

THIAMINE (BI)

Type: metabolic catalyst, dose: 100mg, may reduce symptoms of Alzheimer's disease; may alleviate sciatica, lumbago and improve heart

CALCIUM

Type: body-builder dose: 1.200mg. strengthens bones; possibly helps heart

FISH OIL

Type: metabolic catalyst/immune booster, dose: 1,200mg, helps to keep all body functions healthy, boosts immune system and protects against heart disease, arthritis and some cancers.

SILICA

Type: metabolic catalyst, dose: not established, possibly useful in removing aluminium which might be a casual factor in Alzheimer's disease.

MAGNESIUM

Type: metabolic catalyst and absorption aid, dose: 500mg, protects against many types of cardiovascular

Type: metabolic catalyst, dose: 25mg, helps to maintain fertility and libido: protects against loss of taste and

GARLIC Type: immune booster/antioxidant, dose: 1.000mcg, improves circulation,

might protect against cancer. Wards off infection.

EVENING PRIMROSE

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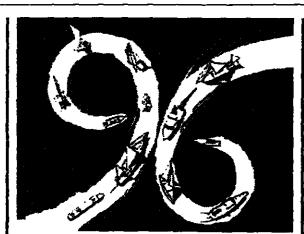
Type: metabolic catalyst and immune booster, dose: 2,000mg, improves skin, counteracts effects of smoking and pollution, possible heart protection.

GINSENG

Type: metabolic catalyst, dose: 250mg, testosterone booster; reputed to lift libido and increase potency. May also increase mental efficiency.

MUSSEL EXTRACT Type: metabolic catalyst, dose: not established, eases arthritis.

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When a woman must take the lead

SEX IN THE MIDDLE YEARS

insey, Masters and Johnson, Seligman, Newman and Nichols were the pundits whose research on sexual response in the 1960s and 1970s was universally accepted.

Some of their statistics are now questioned, but everyday medical practice confirms their view that a man's libido (sexual drive), which is so much greater than a woman's in youth, starts to lessen at least ten years before hers

Most women not only retain

their libido into middle age. but often find that it increases. Research pub-lished in the 1970s shows that if they do have a poor sex life it is usually because of their partner's behav-

But we men are proud and conceited, and subtlety and tact are called for if our potency is to be preserved. By

middle age. the time when a woman is setting the pace, she may find that signalling her sexual needs by wearing a stronger scent, or putting a few more candles on the dinner table, no longer works.

ideal state, in which the increasing sexual desire which may have characterised premenopausal years will level

Research published in the 1960s shows that a woman's pattern set by older members in her family, but it is difficult to know whether this is determined genetically or cultur-

has to be made between the physical and the cerebral in any decline of sexual ability. Women's sexual drive, before HRT was available, was not always coupled

with a comparable ability. Men are proud and conceited — and tact

may be called for has always been

like men, often lind that they suffer from reduced sensitivity. Their orgasms may not be as powerful, and they may lose the female ability to achieve multiple orgasms. The absence of lubrication

considered as the female equivalent of male impotency, but in fact the changes of sexual ageing in a woman are much more subtle. Fortunately for those women who are suitable for nt with HRT many of



The older woman's needs - in The Graduate Mrs Robinson (Anne Bancroft) seduced the young Dustin Hoffman

the main cause for discontinuing it has been the side-effects - the worst of which are severe premenstrual-type troubles. However, it is claimed that women with

teeth, and has a beneficial effect on the cardiovascular system. HRT also lessens the likelihood of menopausal depression and, used in carefully selected cases, can even cure it.

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Use it or lose it: keeping the brain young

HOW TO COUNTERACT MENTAL DECLINE

complaint all the time as people get older: 'My memory is terriole." Is it all in the mind, or do real changes take place in the brain with age to justify such grumbling? The depressing answer is that the brain's cells, the neurons, die and decline in efficiency with age. However, according to Professor Arthur Shimamura of the University of California in Berkeley. people vary greatly in how they change mentally with age, as well as how much their mental faculties decline: in other words, while some stay almost as sharp as they ever were, others show big changes in their mental acuity.

Professor Shimamura says that there are three main ways in which mental function changes. The first is mental speed, for example how quicky you can react to fast-moving incidents on the road. Drivers in their late teens react quickly but tend to drive too fast, while the over-60s are more cautious but react more slowly. The near-inevitable mental slowing with age also partly explains why soccer players are seen as old in their thirties. while golf professionals are still in their prime at that age. This type of mental slowing results from a reduction in the efficiency with which the brain's neurons work.

The fact that adults find it harder to learn musical instruments than children points to a second type of mental loss with age — a reduction in learning capacity. Part of the brain known as the temporal lobes controls new learning, and is particularly vulnerable to the effects of ageing. This means we have to rely more on diaries and other mental aids as we get older, take longer to learn a new language and are slower to master new routines and technologies at work.

Working memory is the third brain system which is vulnerable to the effects of

board", where we juggle from moment to moment the things we have to keep in mind when solving problems, planning tasks and generally organis-ing our day-to-day life. Absentmindedness occurs at all ages because of imperfections in the working memory system - so, for instance, you may continually lose your glasses, or find yourself walking into a room of your house only to find that you cannot remember what you came for.

Such absent-mindedness tends to creep up on us as we age and occurs because our plans and intentions, which are chalked up on the mental

'By stimulating your brain you can maintain your mental acuity well into old age'

blackboard, are easily wiped out by stray thoughts and other distractions. Stress and preoccupation can also cause such absent-mindedness, in addition to age-related changes to the brain. The frontal lobes of the brain - the parts located behind the forehead and above the eyes — are where the working memory system is located. Like the temporal lobes which handle new learning, the frontal lobes are more vulnerable to the ageing process than other parts of the brain.

The sobering results of these biological changes are laid bare in the performance of different age groups on standard memory, attention and problem-solving tests. For instance on a test where you have to try to memorise a list of words read out and repeatageing. Working memory is ed five times, the average I8- al knowledge questions as the brain's "mental black- year-old will score 54 out of a their younger competitors,

maximum possible of 75, the average 45-year-old will score 47, and the average 65-yearold only 37. In looking up a map, people in their early twenties find 77 out of 80 symbols in two minutes, while those in their late fifties find only 58 in the same time.

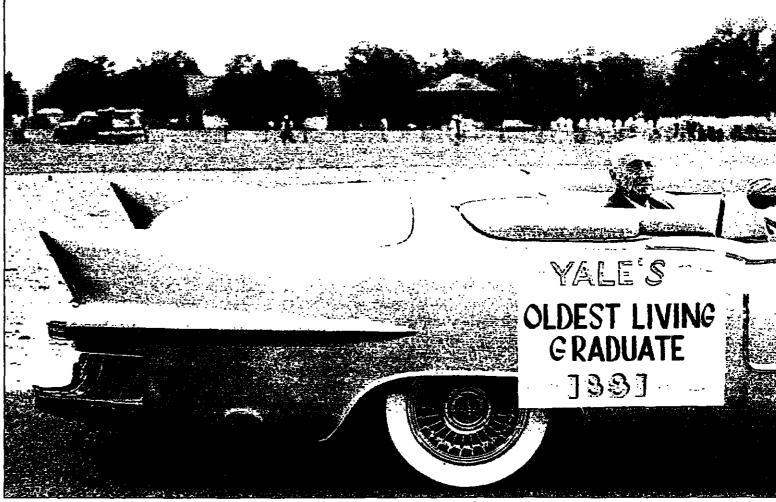
The news, however, is not all bleak. Although neurons reduce in number with age. the remaining neurons send out new and longer connecting fibres (dendrites) to maintain connections and allow us to function reasonably well with only relatively small drops in ability. In fact, the average length of these connections in 80-year-olds is 25 per cent greater than in 50-year-olds, suggesting that the ageing brain is able to compensate for the loss of neurons.

This and other evidence leads to the intriguing possi-bility that the principle "use it or lose it" might apply to the ageing brain. Professor Shimamura studied a group of university professors who were still intellectually active, and compared their performance on neuropsychological tests with that of others of their age group, as well as with younger people. He found that on several tests of memory, the mentally active professors in their sixties and early seventies were superior to their contemporaries, and as good

as the younger people.

Research on animals provides even stronger evidence for the effects of stimulation on brain structure. Professor Bryan Kolb, of the University of Lethbridge in Canada, has shown that animals kept in stimulating environments show sprouting and lengthening of the connecting nerve fibres in their brains, in comparison with animals kept in

unstimulating surroundings.
The beneficial effects of continued mental activity in human beings is shown by the fact that older Mastermind contestants are just as fast and accurate in responding to Magnus Magnusson's gener-



Some elderly people remain as sharp as they were in their teens, while others show failing mental ability. But can mental fitness be taught?

suggesting that at least part of their intellectual apparatus is spared the effects of ageing because of practice and skill.

Such findings lead to the intriguing possibility of "mental fitness training" to accompany jogging and workouts for the health conscious.

esearch in Stockholm by Professor Lars Backman and his colleagues has shown that older people can be trained to use their memory better, with the effects of this training lasting several years. Just as people go bald or

grey at different rates, so the same is true for their mental faculties. In an average group of 25-year olds, there will be relatively small variations in baldness and greyness, but the differences in a group of 50year-olds will be great. Why this should be true for

memory and other mental functions is not yet clear, but physical factors play a part. If Professor Shimamura is right, then the degree to which people use and stretch their mental faculties may also have a role to play.

IAN ROBERTSON

Why sight fades with time

FAILING EYES

NEARLY everyone sees less well as they get older. Over the age of 50 the lens takes longer to refocus; night vision deteriorates and about 5 per cent of people will develop cataracts bad enough to need surgery. There are four main problems:

□ Presbyopia -- the inability to focus on near objects — is caused by a gradual stiffening of the lens. So far there is no treatment except spectacles, but trials are under way on laser therapy and lens implants.

☐ Cataracts can be treated by laser, but are more commonly removed by cutting out the clouded lens and inserting a plastic replacement.

☐ Glaucoma is characterised by a build-up of fluid in the eye, and a damaged optic nerve which results in loss of peripheral vision. Eyedrops or surgery will increase drainage.

☐ Macular degeneration — the loss of central vision because of changes in the retina - is the most common cause of blindness in people over 55. There is no treatment.

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How to put yourself in the picture

YOU ARE at a party. You know she is important, you know you should remember her name. But, try as you might, you can't recall it.

The older you are, the more likely you will find yourself in this situation. But can we do anything about this? Re-search in Sweden suggests that we can, using simple techniques.

To remember something, you have to take it in, or encode it. Then it has to be stored until needed, when it must be retrieved. Age affects people's brains differently. Your memory can suffer depending on which of your encoding, storage or retrieval systems is most vulnerable.

Another distinction is between verbal and visual memocy. For instance, if you have to learn your way in a strange town you can take this in verbally (turn left at the cathedral etc) or visuo-spatially in have of unravelling. Hence, if the form of a mental picture. what you want to remember is connected with mental pic-

bill impaled on the pen.

Memory is also improved

by linking what you are

learning to what you already

know. A method known as

PQRST (preview, question,

read, state and test) gives a

practical way of improving

recall of anything you read.

(Preview: scan an article before reading it. Question: what do you already know

about this topic? Read: read it.

State: when you have fin-

ished, review the contents

To make the most of your tures, then there is less chance memory, learn to use these different systems - encoding, that it will be lost. storage, retrieval, verbal and For example, suppose you meet someone called Bill visual — to the full. Penfield you could take a Most people rely more on verbal than on visuo-spatial moment to imagine a pen stuck in a field with a dollar

memory. So, if we can develop the habit of using visual imagery, we will have a backup system when our verbal memory slips with age. "Using visual imagery can be useful, says Dr Barbara

Wilson of the Medical Research Council's Applied Psychology Unit in Cambridge. and a leading expert on memory rehabilitation. This is because memories resemble strands of wool in a pullover - the more closely knitted they are, the less chance they

MAKING THE MOST OF YOUR MEMORY know about the subject. Test: test yourself on the article.) The brain has another type

of memory system — implicit memory — which allows us to learn information without paying attention to it. Crucial to its efficient use, however, is that you do not make mistakes while learning. If, say, you are trying to learn a list of French vocabulary, wrong guesses during learning can lead to the memory holding on to these wrong responses. So, for instance, you might learn two words, and keep testing yourself on these two. By gradually building up the list, and testing yourself only on words you are confident you know well, you will learn better than if you try to learn 200 words in one go, making

relating it to what you already

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wrong guesses in the process.

The cholesterol has been overplayed

BUTTER

e the lead

eat butter and enjoy red meat. Yet, like most people, I have read the health warnings, and absorbed the message about saturated fat and heart disease. Virginia Bottomicy's Health of the Nation, her call to arms when Health Secretary, elevated saturated fats above all other dietary evils.

The real world is less straightforward. To judge by the confident manner of the campaigners for healthy eating, one might assume that their recipes had been proved in large-scale trials. But, as Professor Michael Oliver of the Royal Brompton Hospital has pointed out, there has never been a controlled trial of low-fat diets in healthy people. Different considerations ap-

ply to those who have already survived heart attacks, or to people with extra-high levels of cholesterol in their bloodstream caused by their genes. But for the average Joe, low-fat diets are both extremely inefficient at reducing cholesterol levels and of unproven efficacy in cutting the death rate. For Joe's wife, less prone to heart disease, the argument is even feebler. The point never seems

to register. For a start, the relationship between lats in the diet and the prevaiance of heart disease is very rough and ready. Britons may indeed eat 100 much fat. but heart disease statistics fail to prove it. The areas with the inest heart deaths - Scotand and the North - do not have a fattier diet than the rest of us. The rich eat more fat. and have higher cholesterol levels, but suffer less heart

disease than the poor.

There is a link between high cinclesserol levels and the risk of heart disease, but there is an equally strong association with another factor found in the blood of the blood, fibrinogen. But be-Time high fibrinogen levels ial greed or a refusal to accept



Abstract of the face of an obese woman trapped in a fat cell

advice, they have been almost entirely ignored. Cholesterol, and its link with fat, has achieved an eminence largely unjustified by the scientific

What the dietary advice really amounts to is a national experiment with results that cannot be predicted. People who have taken it seriously and plunged into polyun-saturates could be doing themselves more harm than good. There is growing evidence that over-emphasis on the plant-based fatty acids, the omega-6 series used to make marga-rines, can upset the balance of

In reality, public inertia has meant that diets have changed far less than campaigners would have liked. We eat less because we lead more sedentary lives, but the proportion of energy from fat has not declined. The emphasis on fat

has diverted attention from other, more important factors. A MORI poll showed that nearly three times as many people believed that to reduce heart disease, it was more important to cut dietary fat than to stop smoking.

Yet stopping smoking reduces risk by 50 to 70 per cent in five years, while reducing blood cholesterol levels by 5 per cent would cut risk by only about 10 per cent. And achieving this sort of cholesterol reduction would require a pretty stringent diet; replacing butter with soft margarines certainly wouldn't do it. Avoiding obesity and smok-ing, and taking a reasonable

amount of exercise, are the best ways of avoiding heart disease. Controlling high blood pressure helps. The rest

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Classic knitwear can be worn for work and after dark — and it lasts

here can be few items of clothing more useful than classics in cashmere, lambswool and wool mixes. They provide the basis of an endless variation of looks, from casual to smart, for work and play.

Discovering these valuable pieces at discounted prices is an extra bonus — there can be no better time to buy knitwear than during the sales. The choice available is unlimited from the specialised cashmere

houses, designer labels, department stores and highstreet brands. There are few who do offer some form of

The traditional silhouettes work best. Still favourite is the perennial twinset as worn by everyone from Vivienne Westwood to the Queen. However, what could be more useful than a camel V-neck sweater, or grey polo-neck? Wear either under a sleek trouser suit à la Lauren Hutton or Katharine Hepburn. or over a dress to give the illusion of a two-piece outfit. Alternatively, dress it down with denim.

The adaptability of these knitted classics is the key and



ABOVE: Pale grey turdeneck sweater, £49.99, Kookai, branches nationwide (0171-937 4411)

Blue bias-cut long skirt, §29.99, Top Shop, branches nationwide (0171-291 2351).

affords them worth beyond what may appear to be rather high price-tags. They are worth it because they are hardworking. If cared for correctly, they will last for many years. Established cashmere labels such as N. Peal and Ballantyne operate after-sales services, cleaning and redressing their customers' favourite.

There is also the Cashmere Clinic in London, a hospital for the poorly pullover, which provides a specialist washing treatment to restore shape and texture, a full remodelling service and even alterations and repairs. The clinic also operates a postal service.

purchases for a nominal



"For most people, cashmere is considered a luxury purchase," a spokesman says. "However, the correct care and maintenance of cashmere

is a necessity, not a luxury."

Although the price of cashmere continues to rise each season, manufacturers are doing their best to keep the consumer happy. N. Peal will not be raising the price tags on its spring merchandise, and Ballanyne has increased the retail price of its garments.

only very slightly.

During the sales there are some fantastic reductions on every variety. Jaeger has reduced its knits by up to 40 per cent. Casual styles at Austin Reed are half-price. House of

Fraser has Cool Wool knitwear for a third off while Pringle offers roll-neck cashmere sweaters for £125 (down from £180), or the same in lambswool for £45 (from £77.50). A cashmere crewneck sweater at The Scotch House is now £129, down from £179. The prices of the little angora mix twinsets by Dorothy Per-

kins are a real steal.

The really great thing about knitwear is that it now works as an option after dark. The American designers love this

New Yorker Isaac Mizrahi
often features what he calls a
"sweater set" (short-sleeve
sweater and matching cardigan) worn with a voluminous

TOP: Camel round-neck short-sleeve top, £115. Aquascutum (0800 282922). Gold organiza skirt. £850, Isabell Kirstensen. 33 Beauchamp Place, SW3 (0171-589 1798). Cream ballet pumps, £85.50, Russell & Bromley, selected branches, 24-25 New Bond St, W1 (0171-629 6903).

LEFT ABOVE: Camel V-neck sweater, £155, The Scotch House, 2 Brompton Road, SW3 (0171-581 2151). Gold lace skirt, £625, Liberty, Regent St, W1 (0171-734 1234).

RIGHT ABOVE: Pale grey cardigan, \$24.99, rib sweater, \$19.99, both from Dorothy Perkins, selected branches (0171-291 2604). Grey silk skirt, \$295, Aquascutum (0800 282922). Photographs by IAIN R. WEBB. Make-up by Jo Karsberg. Hair by James Dodds. Prices and availability may vary because of sales.

ballgown skirt in silk taffeta or satin; this season Bill Blass showed a sleeveless polo-neck sweater with a sequin column

skirt.

A sweater worn with a swanky skirt makes an easy choice for evening. Camel is a perfect match for gold, while grey works best with silver or midnight blue. The look can

also add a little glamour when simply entertaining friends at

Although the image of such standard knitted styles may at first appear a touch worthy and dull, this is definitely their moment to shine.

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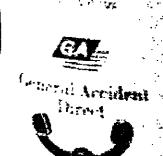
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Sexual harassment - the price of speaking out

who took their employers to court talk to Julia Llewellyn Smith

WHEN Joanne Milne asked for a day off work to go for a hospital check-up, she was told that she probably had cervical cancer because she slept around so much. When she gave a sales presentation, a colleague told her that nobody was listening because everybody was too busy looking at her bottom. When she complained, she was told that she was a feminist with a chip

Eventually, Miss Milne, 27, had no choice but to resign from her job at Andegauge, an oil-related service company in Aberdeen. Six weeks later, she filed a claim for sex

Next Monday in a Cutting

Edge documentary on Channel 4, Miss Milne talks about
how the final straw came
when Andegauge offered her a
promotion running the company's American office, but
with no increase in salary.
When the pointed out that she Next Monday in a Cutting When she pointed out that she would be earning far less than the man she was replacing, her bosses told her that her arrogance was breathtaking and that she was earning good money for a girl her age.

"I was told that the firm only hired women because they were cheap, but there were three problems: women got pregnant, had women's trouoles and cried when they had their arses kicked."

On one occasion a senior manager said that Miss Milne was a slut who probably had Aids. He would blow cigarette smoke in her face and flick sweat at her after he had been

wo months later, Miss Milne took Andegauge (who declined to comment to Channel 4) to tribunal. She settled for £6,400. "I would have preferred to have fought the case and won," she says. But the woman who said she would be my witness dropped out, so in the end it was my

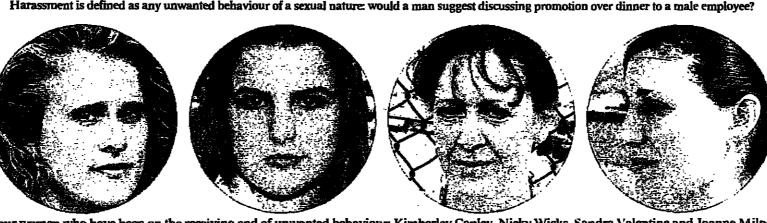
word against theirs." ing to the Equal Opportunities Commission, is defined as any inwanted behaviour of a sexual nature; this can take many orms, including comments about the way someone looks, juestions or comments about i woman's sex life, or requests or sexual favours. If sexual harassment makes for sexual discrimination has

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Four women who have been on the receiving end of unwanted behaviour: Kimberley Copley, Nicky Wicks, Sandra Valentine and Joanne Milne

they may be able to complain under the Sex Discrimination Act. The first case of sex

discrimination in Britain was brought to tribunal ten years ago. Since then, tribunals have heard more than 300 cases, the vast majority brought by women. Many more have been settled out of court. To date, the highest award

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that the reason more and more women are using the legal treatment has less to do with their suffering and more with the chance to earn a quick

It is a view which angers Karen D'Rozario of the North Kensington Law Centre, who says that most women go to a tribunal only as a last resort. The wait between filing a

a person's working life so been £34,000. Such sums have complaint and the hearing can interview. People that they are prompted sceptics to suggest be more than two years, and asked for an interview. People giving evidence can be extremely unpleasant. "I try to be optimistic, but I never leave my clients in any doubt about how difficult it can be. I am not sure I could go through with it myself. You can be torn apart

in a courtroom." Nine out of ten of Ms D'Rozario's clients' claims are settled out of court. "I always try to settle because these cases can be so difficult to prove. Most large companies will go to extraordinary lengths to

settle to avoid bad publicity." To stand a chance of winning a discrimination case, the complainant should keep a diary and tell somebody close.

at work or outside. what is going on. "It is very important that you also tell the perpetrator that you find his actions offensive." says Ms D'Rozario. "He may genuinely not realise he is upsetting you." Even after a suc-

feminist cessful case, comwith a chip plainants can find it very difficult to find a new job.

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Miss Milne, who now works floor manager in a Leeds for another oil company, says: When I went to interviews and people asked me why I had left my last job. I was honest. I could see them thinking 'Oh! Well!' Then I wouldn't get to the second interview."

andra Valentine was the only woman pilot with Airtours International airline. Last year, her case received wide coverage when she took the company to tribunal, alleging among other things that a captain had apologised to passengers for having a female first officer, saying: "We have them at the front these days, as well as at the back, so don't blame me." Airtours denied all allegatons. After settling with Airtours, Ms Valentine said: "I have filled in more than 100 job application forms in the last two years and

see my name, remember the

case and that's it." Nicky Wicks was 17 when she was harassed by the manager of Juicyfruits greengrocers in Redditch, where she worked as an assistant. "On a couple of occasions, he pushed me up against the wall and started rubbing himself against me and tried to fondle my breasts. I said 'If you touch me again, I'll slap you, but he just laughed at me."

Ms Wicks took her boss to tribunal and was awarded damages of £7,000, but she has not worked since. The case has affected her in other ways. "I can't get a boyfriend, I'm

scared of what he might do to me. If I'm watching television and something nastv happens to a girl. I freak. When a bloke touches me I go crazy. I used to be outgoing and bouncy, now I only go places with my Mum and Dad."

Kimberley Copiey, 30, who worked as a shop company, went to tribunal last year, alleging that her boss had persistently asked her to have an affair with him. She lost her case and is appealing.
"It's taken a lot of self confidence away from me. because I thought I was a very strong person." she says. "It's made

me very scared to look for another job." Nonetheless, Ms Wicks has no regrets. "I just don't want to what I had to," she says. Others, however, feel differently. After Ms Valentine agreed a settlement of around £50,000 with Airtours, she said that no amount of money could compensate for what she had been through, and her career was in tatters. "I knew I had to fight this injustice, but frankly ... this whole ordeal has ruined my life."

Grisly times at the Garden: can the Royal Opera House survive the mounting crisis over its funding and future?

The political handicap of a foreign father

Should Portillo have called himself Blyth, asks Giles Coren

year for poor old Michael Blyth. Only the other day Lord Hill-Norton called him a "little creep". and now Emma Nicholson has branded him a coward. It is backs-to-the-wall time, and Blyth is going to have to show a bit of spirit.

That at least is how it might have looked if Michael Portillo's mother, and not his father, had been born a Spaniard.

Alas, it was the other way round. But how different things might have been if Michael had been able to thump his tub in front of a banner declaring a name like that. For attacks on a

even deeper tionalist is John-Na right-

ny Foreigner. wing hardliner expects to be loved, but Portillo has had to suffer an extra stigma. Detractors pronounce his name with

rolling "r" and silent "ll", and point to his olive complexion whenever he plays the nationalist card. The irony, of course. is twofold: it is hard to attack a man for being both

Spaniard. Portillophobia works on two levels: good old Little England racism, espoused by people who would once have called him "dago". and the subtler critique that Portillo overcompensates by making nationalism and Europhobia his war

racist and a greasy

Not that British parliamentarians are known for their appreciation of irony. In 1914 the First Sea Lord. Prince Louis of Battenberg a British citizen who had served in the Royal Navy since 1868, was forced to resign because a Battenberg could not be trusted to give his all against Jerry. He gave up his German ily name to Mountbatten. A good thing too, for how could his son Louis, the last Viceroy of India, have been

called anything else?
Adolf Hitler also avoided a near miss that could have undermined his credibility. His illegitimately born father had been called Schickelgrüber, after his mother, but later adopted the more Aryan moniker from his presumptive father. This was lucky for Adolf, because Heil. Schickelgrüber!" just

doesn't have the same ring. The negative appeal of foreign names has always been accepted by entertain-

Grasle. Danielovitch and Cansino could not have Hollyswept wood like Gra-Douglas and Hayworth. But, in politics, integrity precludes name changing. Disraeli drop-

Detractors roll ped the apostrothe "r" in Portillo phe

D'Israeli to avoid association with the insidious Prime Minister with a foreign surname, largely by adopting the same tactics as Portillo: sitting on the Tory Right and championing imperialism.

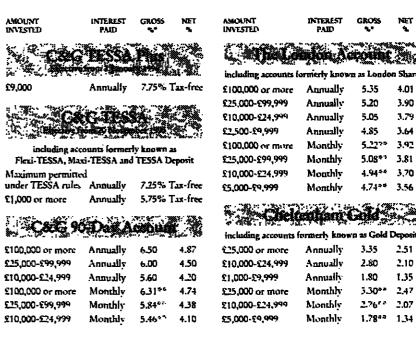
But if Mr Portillo is

inclined to dream of what might have been - of the great Michael Blyth who damped down on immigration and shunned the ecu - he might reflect on another famously uncompromising man: Arnold Schwarzenegger. A prospective US senator of blood-curdlingly rightwing convictions, he was advised, early in his career. to change his name. "Don't worry." he told them.

"Schwarzenegger will sell." Whether or not "Portillo" will one day be written in lights, is all about

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Massacre of China's **innocents**

Peking has plumbed new

depths, says Jonathan Mirsky

t is hard, after the decades of Communist rule in Chiworst". But that is what one can say about the deaths of thousands, perhaps tens of thousands, of infants under the lethal control of the Chinese State in its orphanages.

For this to be the worst, it would have to exceed the killing of hundreds of thou-sands of landlords in the Fifties: the purging of half a million "Rightists", including many of the country's leading intellectuals; the great killings and destruction of the Cultural Revolution between 1966 and 1976: the rape of Tibet; the Tiananmen Square killings and the following persecution; and the endentic violation of the rights of women and dissidents, both as individuals and in groups.

Like many other journalists. I have been in China watching these depredations, but always of course from a protected vantage point, where the worst that could happen was a police roughing up, a menacing interrogation or, at most, expulsion and banning.

But the mortality figures for Chinese orphanages, which are the most disastous anywhere ever, worse even than

Romania, are the greatest self-inflicted moral blow for the Communist Party, because the vicare - not only innocent but wholly defenceless.

our moral Intellectuals, after censure all, have but to grovel, shut up, or betray their friends and collea-

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gues to save themselves. The landlords at least understood their fate. Tibetans need only surrender and accept Chinese rule. Dissidents can keep their views to themselves. During the Cultural Revolution, vigorously shouting enthusiasm for Chairman Mao ensured safety (unless the tide turned against one's faction), and after Mao's death the enthusiasts could claim, as millions did, that reveryone was doing it" which might include the torture and killing of neighbours and co-workers. And when all else was lost, there was always suicide, the final refuge.

But the female infant, a month old and in adequate health, who was deliberately starved or frozen to death, or the infant with a hare lip who suffered the same fate, could know only the agonies of starvation, which causes the victims, in extremis, to try to eat their own hands. We know of this because the full medical records are provided in the Human Rights Watch report Death By Default: A Policy of Fatal Neglect in China's State Orphanages.

Why, after all, were these thousands, innocent and harmless as they were, pushed towards agonising death by a State which in 1991 signed the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child? Not because they were counter-revolutionaries, black hands, splittists, bourgeois liberals, or any of the other categories labelled criminal by the Party over the past 50 years. There are two reasons: they were female, in a society which traditionally prefers males, or

they were "less than perfect". meaning that under China's eugenic law, which harks back to the Nazi period, the handicapped, in body or mind, must not breed.

There is also the one-child family policy, which puts pressure on parents, even those who might now win permission to try for a second child, to rid themselves of female or hare-lipped children, frequent-ly by abandoning them. The children then come

under the care of the State, which in Shanghai might mean the celebrated model orphanage, in which for five years, the report charges, up to 90 per cent of the infants died. The national mortality figures show orphan mortality run-ning at about 50 per cent of those admitted, with death usually coming within a few months of admission. As the report says. "only the luckiest rather than the fittest can have any hope of survival.

Apart from the ultimate physical handicap of being female, the medical records show that most of the babies admitted are healthy, and even those who are diagnosed (often bogusly) as mentally subnormal or feeble-minded or hare-lipped would not die if given even casual

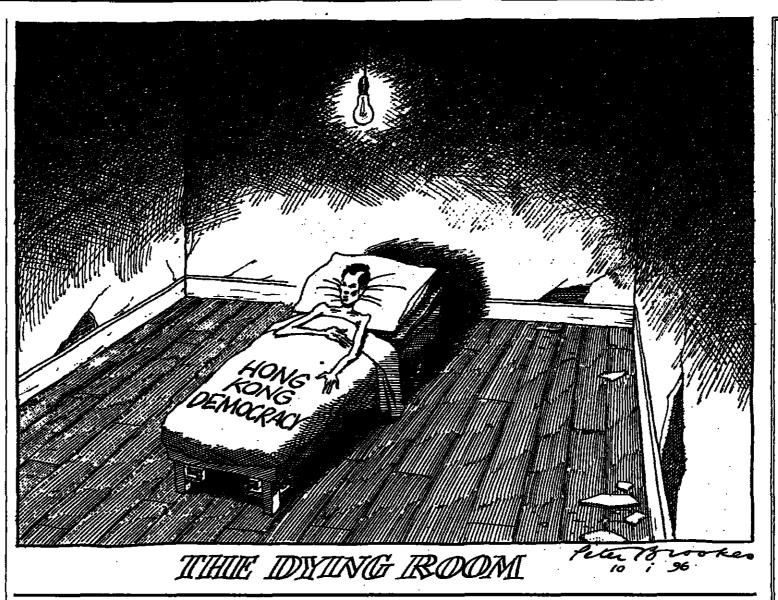
medical care. Peking has dismissed the entire report as false, the documents as forgeries, and the major informant, a doctor who has fled abroad, as a poorly qualified malcontent. The charge of

forgery presumably includes the full report, of which we have the text, by the official Shanghai body which condemned the orphanage and its director, who was charged with the rape of older girls under his care.

This director attempted to flee China and was brought back by the police after these charges, but has now been promoted. Those who signed the report have been politically destroyed, and the man who engineered the cover-up. Shanghai's party secretary. Wu Bangguo, has been elevated to the Politburo, together with Huang Ju, the city's Mayor.

ome people have argued that these revelations will undermine foreign charity aid to Chinese orphanages. But what kind of help can charities offer in a country which punishes those who strive to secure justice for the most helpless?

China is not immune to world criticism, nor to moral outrage. It is reported to be trying to moderate the atrocities in the orphanages, and the Shanghai People's Council has already, at considerable political risk, demanded reform. Indeed, it was one of the council's members, who is also a member of the Shanghai Academy of Sciences, who condemned the cover-up. "Why are they trying to lay down this camouflage screen?" he asked. "Are they trying to say that Shanghai's death rates aren't high enough? If so, it's just like Hitler trying to achieve the superior race."



A selective memory

ifteen per cent. Sweet lifteen, magic lifteen. That is the new government limit on how many !!-year-olds a state school can "choose" to admit at its own discretion, including parental interview. The Cabinet apparently feels 15 per cent is about right. Gillian Shephard, the Education Secretary, is comfortable with 15. It used to be 10, which seemed small. Her burgeoning statisticians have calculated that 15 is more than 10 but less than 20, which might have been too much. Fifteen meets Downing Street's test of Aristotelian excellence in modern government. It "opens clear blue

water" between Tories and Labour-The Government's secondary school policy is now like a Kipling Just So story. Implausible causes lead to undeniable, but rather unpleasant, conclusions. The policy whirls and twists its way round Whitehall. It does little dances and stands on its head. John Major makes speeches that infuriate Gillian Shephard. Mrs Shephard makes decisions that baffle schools. She sets up a committee to promote plain English, then she talks double Dutch. Nothing is quite as it seems.

Mr Major appears to believe that his electoral best interest lies in reverting to a system in which children are channelled at II into a two-part secondary system. We can argue names and pack-drill, but we know what we are talking about. For ten years the Government has been trying to reinvent the grammar schools by means of assisted places. city technology colleges, grant-maintained schools, even "compulsorily opted-out" church schools. By hook or crook, ministers want roughly a quarter of parents (those famous Tory floaters) to be given a leg-up out of the educational swamp. The old glories must return, the old regiments be restored their colours. Labour voters will have to send their children to secondary moderns. along with immigrants and rejects. Come the election, the chosen ones, the selected, will fall weeping in gratitude on Mr Major's shoulder. They will murmur, semper fidelis.

That is the policy.

I scarcely know where to begin. The concept of 15 per cent selection by discretionary interview is almost meaningless. At present parents apply to schools and some 90 per cent of them are satisfied with the place offered. There is an obvious school for their area. Most local children go Allowing schools to sift pupils means returning to a discredited system

to it, or move house to go to another, which is their right. Argument may occur at geographical boundaries and where local authorities try to balance the intake of ability for different schools. Here schools negotiate with parents. Where parents do not like the outcome - which almost invariably means being refused the best" school - they can appeal.

The Tories have made a song and dance about this appeal. As a result, 46,000 parents appealed against of-fers of places for last year, but only 13,000 won. Appeals have risen 120 per cent in five years and are still rising. The

Government wants to get rid of a million surplus secondary places in England and Wales, and must use spare capacity where it can. It cannot afford to let parents choose. More to the

point, already popular schools have indicated that they cannot handle and do not want open enrolment. Good schools are under pressure to concede ever tighter selection, encouraged by the national league tables. Selection means better pupils, better staff, ultimately more money. Why beat about the bush? Nothing is as riddled with status as education. In the public sector, there is no "choice" of school. Every parent knows that there is the best school, and then the rest.

The question is whether public policy should seek to counteract the schools pecking order, or to reinforce it. The new selection policy is essentially a reinforcing. By definition it applies only to a school that has more applicants than it wants to take: selection implies rejection. In the past, popular schools were induced to spread their benefits over a wide ability range. That was the comprehensive principle. Now, an oversub-scribed school is being told that it can shrink its "comprehensive" intake by 15 per cent and fill these places with likely high-flyers, selected by internal examination or interview. The point of this social engineering — ask anyone who knows schools — is to

help already successful schools to

move "upmarket" and eventually to opt for the Government's grantaintained sector.

Mr Major on Sunday and Mrs Shephard on Monday denied that this was a return to the 11-plus "by the back door". This is true only insofar as they dare not go the whole way. But why not leave popular schools to select 100 per cent of their intake? What is this magic 15 per cent? The answer is that 100 per cent would have made a mockery of the previous policy of parental choice. It would also "alter the character of a school" and so possibly incur litigation. It would end any pre-

tence that the policy is not reactionary. Sooner or later, the only fair conclusion to this policy is a re-establishment of the formal apparatus of 11-plus examination, as prior to 1965. This already exists in embryo in the Government's national

testing regime. But the II-plus was a test of pupil aptitude, not achievement. It was supposed to be culturalneutral, a state-of-the-art intelligence assessment. It told a primary school which "sort" of secondary school would be best for a child. The theory was that since it was culturally neutral, so too would be the schools that the test chose. Grammar, modern and technical would all enjoy "parity of esteem". Status being what it is, it took no time for the "pass" schools to be regarded as good and the fail ones as bad.

s Margaret Thatcher once said of socialism, never was a political experiment so thoroughly tried, tested and proved to be rotten. Attachment to the 11-plus cost the Tories the 1964 election. But at least the 11-plus was crudely fair. Mrs Shephard's 15 per cent ghetto is blatantly unfair. It is a way of enabling already popular schools to make themselves vet more desirable, of giving middle-class parents a chance of getting their children into schools from which comprehen-sive criteria might exclude them. As with the old II-plus, primary schools

will start "teaching the exam". The litigation already emerging from the parental choice policy is nothing to what this could yield. Hence Mrs Shephard's rather desperate emphasis on the interview procedure. The school's discretion must be paramount. If I were a local lawyer I would be rubbing my hands with glee at the prospect. Every primary test score will be subpoe-naed. Every interview question will be monitored for absolute fairness. Every disgruntled mother, every outraged sink-school governor, every ethnic minority will be invited to sue. In other words if there is no 11-plus today there will be one tomorrow.

That is what selection implies.

State schools have much in common with state prisons. Their status and quality define a community's civic maturity. If they are rotten and turn out illiterates and criminals. more fool the rest of us, because we suffer. British prisons are mostly rotten. I am not so sure about British schools. For all the abuse heaped upon them by politicians, they seem to push ever larger numbers through examinations and into higher education. The proportion of parents abandoning the state system and buying private education has risen since the 1960s (roughly from 5 to 7 per cent), but not by more than might be expected. The structure of secondary schools instituted after the col-lapse of the II-plus cannot be said to have failed. What went on inside some comprehensives was poor. But that is susceptible to different remedies -- notably, better teaching. It has nothing to do with structure.

The secondary modern 'reject" schools, which the 15 per cent policy conjures back to life, were mostly awful. No other European nation has anything comparable. The II-plus was intensely unpopular, for the obvious reason that 75 per cent of pupils failed it and were branded failures before they reached their teens. Rejection at so early an age was widely blamed for the shocking state of Britain's manual workforce after the war, and for the meagre access to higher education. Recent attempts to reintroduce the 11-plus in Surrey and Liverpool have been shouted down by parents.

Taxes should not be used to promote educational or social division. For the school system to be distorted in this way is wrong. For it to be distorted to win votes in an election is immoral.

Alan Coren



■ The monster lobster: should we cherish it or eat it?

To those who weep for our divided nation. I bring. I fear, grim news. You ain't wept nothing yet. A smart move, if you care about that shirt, would be to hold a pocket-handkerchief before your streaming eyes. Yes, like the Walrus. For this is not a dissimilar tale, and its nub is a not dissimilar wedge, which will very soon cleave our nation into not dissimilar halves, along what might be called the crusta-cean fault-line.

Not an oyster, this time, but a lobster, nor any old lobster, either, but a singularly old lobster, called Neptune. He was called it by Mr Quarms of the Weymouth SeaLife Centre. in whose aquarium Neptune now looms, lugged thither by divers who found him while cleaning up Portland naval base. Neptune is the biggest lobster anybody has ever seen. He is ten times the weight of the usual specimen, and his claws are three times the size of Frank Bruno's fists. Neptune, in short. does not look like something Jonathan Meades would order from Raymond Blanc, he looks like something Saddam Hussein would order from Matrix

nd the question which is about to divide us all is, A about to divide us all is, of course: what is to be done with him? Shall we cherish him, or eat him? It is as fraught as any yet asked in the forward trenches of the Animal Liberation Front, for the man-lobster interface is unique in being literally that: should you fancy a spot of lobster, your waiter will invite you to address your face to the glass of the restaurant tank from which a number of other faces are peering out, and, after you have chosen the face you fancy, you will return to your table, to be joined there a minute later by the waiter, who will thrust the lobster's face towards yours so that you may confirm that, though the face is not charming. it's the right face. He will then take it away again. The next time your two faces meet, one of them will have been boiled.

This does not happen with anything else you order. Restaurants do not invite you to stroll their pig-pens, the chef's the kitchen with a selection of still-flapping pheasants, waiters do not bring to your table unjugged hares to hop about for identification. Nothing else on the menu asks you to play God: only the lobster is chosen live, only the lobster is required to come by the table to cry, albeit mutely, "Morituri te salutant," before your downturned thumb consigns it to the

bubbling pot. After which, the relationship deteriorates yet further. This is not so much a meal as a postmortem: having put on a special protective apron, the diner sets about the grisly dismembering with special tools, pliers, buttonhooks, odd bodkins necessary for poking the last choice slivers from the thinnest broken bones. For nothing gets as wrecked as a lobster gets, and there is no more horrible restaurant sight than the brutally shattered detritus of the world's most meticulously constructed animal, piled on the plate of some fat glutton who, a few minutes earlier, condemned it to death.

omeone like me. Because I think I've missed some-thing out here. Did I mention how terrific lobster tastes? This is how I know that while one half of the nation is desperate for Neptune to live and thrive, parade through Weymouth behind the Mayor (or, indeed, under him), appear on chat-shows, visit the sick, open supermarkets, all that, the other half is desperate to know what he tastes like. We in this half dream of three waiters carrying him to our table, we speculate on the special kit required to dismantle him, the socket-sets, the bolt-cutters, the crowbars, the odd spot of gelignite, perhaps, and, above all, like vinomaniacs teasing themselves to distraction with imaginings of prephylloxera claret, we salivate uncontrollably at the thought of what 50 years of maturing might confer on the flavour of a filet d'homard the size of a cricket bat.

How is this to be resolved? I have as little faith in the Government (Lobster is most agreeable, oh yes, but . . .) as [have in the Opposition ("New Labour! New lobster!"), and I rather suspect that both the Church and the Windsors will be as divided on this as on everything else. I guess we shall just have to wait and see what's in it for Bill Clinton.

Chequered

NORMA MAJOR has been play-ing Cupid. The Prime Minister's wife was matchmaker in the forthcoming nuptials of the widowed photographer Mark Twistleton-Wykeham-Fiennes, whose actor son Ralph Fiennes sets female pulses racing across the land.

Mark "Twisters" Fiennes met his fiancée, Caroline Evans, at Chequers. She was there arranging flowers; he was taking pictures



Ralph: heart-throb

for Norma's book on the house. which will be published this year. "I suggested that flowers would embellish the rooms a little for the photographs, and Norma called up Caroline, says Twisters. Ro-mance, like the rooms, blossomed.

However, despite his debt to Norma and John, a question-mark hangs over whether they will be at the wedding. "I have got a lot to thank them for, but I am not sure how large the wedding is going to be," says Twisters. "There is a certain amount of disagreement over where it is going to be."

Ralph and his six siblings will attend. "But I shan't be doing the photographs and Caroline won't be doing the flowers," insists the groom.

B's Beeb

HIS CRITICS suggest that Bland by name means bland by nature. But the appointment yesterday of Sir Christopher B. to reolace Marmaduke Hussey as chairman of the BBC is likely to mean menus more piquant for his fellow governors.

Sir Christopher's love of food is



legendary. He is a partner, with William Waldegrave's wife Caroline, in Pru Leith's Michelinstarred restaurant - just a bun's throw away from the BBC's Shepherds Bush HQ in west London.

Leith's is almost certain to become the BBC governors' canteen. "His appointment bodes well for the restaurant," admitted Caroline yesterday. "He does love his food."

Torn apart

SOUTH AFRICA has been revelling in its Test victory, with tele-vision advertisements for the team showing African vultures picking over the bones of English cricketers. Complaints are flooding in. and Ali Bacher, managing director of South Africa's United Cricket Board, is appalled. During the Rugby World Cup.

"It's the big surprise they were all talking about"

South African ads had Will Carling running scared from minders Kensington Palace. His pants fell down in flight to reveal a tattoo on his buttock: "I love Diana." The cricket equivalent with vul-tures has been described as "arrogant and insensitive" by Bacher. But Johann van Rheede of the

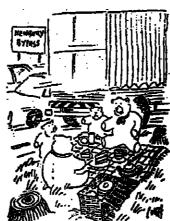
■ The Alpine folk of Klosters will be scurrying to an exhibition of the Prince of Wales's watercolours

South African Broadcasting Cor-

poration said the ad simply reflect-

ed the drama and intrigue played

out on the field.



later this month. But one of the mountain scenes may be unrecognisable - the Prince did it from memory because he was too busy skiing with his two sons to take time off to paint. "He painted it in his room with the curtains drawn," explains an aide, "- and then checked it against the real thing in the morning."

Good alimony

AN INVENTORY of Henry VIII's possessions made at the time of his death is to be published for the first time. The document, as expansive as the bloated King himself, reveals that he was the richest monarch in British history. By the end of his reign, he had an

income of £250,000 a year, while his richest subject struggled by on £7,000. In today's terms, his fortune would have been upwards of £10 billion, according to my calculator — a merry cry from the the Queen's estimated personal wealth of £450 million.

The inventory, which includes the world's largest collection of tablecloths, is being published next year by the Society of Antiquaries and a team of 25 scholars led by Dr David Starkey.

Around 90,000 separate items are listed, many acquired at the dissolution of the monasteries. "He



Henry: big I am

deployed more of the nation's wealth for his own purposes than any other monarch." says Starkey.

■ The Duchess of York's old flame Paddy McNally has been pipped at the post trying to buy some farmland in Hampshire. Barboured bods can talk of little other than his interest in the £10 million Laverstoke estate near Stockbridge. Its huge house and park been now been sold, along with its farms. Paddy wanted one - but didn't get it.

BLAIR'S BIG PHRASE

Let them have stakes — but what does it all mean?

How are we to interpret Tony Blair's new call for a stakeholder society? Is it a New Labour phrase concealing Old Labour ideas? Is it a New Labour phrase representing genuine new ideas? Or is it a classic politician's phrase meaning little at all?

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Few would deny the advantage of people feeling a closer identification with the institutions in which they work or on which they depend. The current welfare state based on a huge pool of money to which taxpayers contribute in the hope of being supported one day by their children's generation - was the most collectivist experiment on which Britain has ever embarked. Yet people no longer feel that they have a personal stake in it.

Does Labour intend that, in order to create a more communal, more cohesive society, people will be forced to make a greater individual contribution to their own future? If so, this is an avenue worth exploring. There is talk of making saving compulsory for both the predicted and unforeseen contingencies of life, such as old age and unemployment. It is certainly easier to persuade people to accept the element of compulsion if they feel that they own the money that they are forced to save. Today's welfare state is in danger of breaking down because people in their twenties or thirties who are paying into it have no guarantee of receiving any money from a future government when they retire from work.

But this could be just one of the duties that a "stakeholder" government would require from the people. Fleshed out, such a philosophy could take the form of a contract between the State and the citizen, an attempt to end the "something-for-nothing" society. The State would undertake to protect citizens from destitution, provided that they had saved money when they could and were prepared to take opportunities for work or

training when these were offered. The State would agree to educate children, provided that parents undertook to play their part in

that process. Such a "tough but tender" approach has its attractions both to the new Left and the Right. But it is interesting that those political philosophers, such as John Gray and David Selbourne, who are keenest on civic responsibility and the rebuilding of a fragmented society, are leaning towards Labour. The Left used to be a repository of liberal dogma, which emphasised rights alone; but the new language of duty and responsibility is attracting followers who used to search for such a philosophy in the Tory party.

Compulsion has, of course, always been easier for the Left to adopt than the Right. Fear of a Labour party carrying new kinds of compulsion is certain to be strong. What about stakeholding in the private sector? Labour is keen on companies looking beyond their shareholders' interests to other groups that have a stake: such as employees. consumers and local communities. If such an approach is restricted to persuasion, it will be relatively harmless (though relatively ineffectual too). If, however, Margaret Beckett and her trade union friends hijack it, the result could be burdensome, expensive and unwieldy, with businesses handicapped in their attempts to keep themselves competitive. There are ample dangers as well as opportunities in Mr Blair's big phrase.

Then there is the perennial chance that it will prove to be more meaningless than dangerous. As a catch-all phrase, the stakeholder society does have a superficial appeal. As a policy prescription, it can be interpreted in different ways by different people. But as the message of a party that wants to address the sense of social malaise that is so widely felt, Mr Blair's words about civic duty also seem to be touching a chord.

CHINA'S OBLIGATIONS

Two tests of Peking's claims to respect its legal undertakings

Malcolm Rifkind has made a good start to his difficult mission this week in Hong Kong and Peking. He has learnt fast since last October's meeting in London with the Chinese Foreign Minister, Qian Qichen. Then, he gave the impression of a man who was new to the Hong Kong dossier. To the Foreign Secretary's obvious embarrassment, he was outmanoeuvred by Mr Qian. He appeared to be ready quietly to drop the vexed issue of the continued existence, after 1997, of the Hong Kong Legislative Council elected last September under the constitutional reforms introduced by Chris Patten.

For Hong Kong, the question whether this freely elected body will serve out its full term is no footnote: it goes to the heart of China's pledge to respect Hong Kong's autonomy. If China carries out its threat to dismantle the legislature in 1997, it will violate both the letter and the spirit of its legally binding undertaking, in the 1984 Sino-British Declaration, to leave Hong Kong's way of life intact, and its laws and institutions alone.

Mr Rifkind has now made clear, both in Hong Kong and Peking, that he understands the importance of this principle. without which Hong Kong's autonomy will be meaningless. In Peking, where yesterday's first day of meetings produced more agreements on Hong Kong than have been vielded by months of unproductive talks, he has urged China to think again, insisting that confidence in Hong Kong will depend on "representative institutions that enjoy the

confidence and support of the people". What gives this advice far greater weight than anything previously said by a British minister, however, is the assurances he gave Hong Kong's worried legislators before arriving in China. He assured them that Britain would have "a very special obligation" to take up "any abuses of human

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rights" in Hong Kong after 1997, and that those who required asylum in Britain would have "a very, very powerful case". He promised that although Britain would cease to have "a physical power" in Hong Kong after 1997, it was determined to hold China to its undertakings of 1984 through "any legal or other avenues . . . available", including resort if need be to the International Court of Justice at The Hague.

This is new language, and could well be effective. Although the world court has no powers to enforce its judgments, the Chinese, who have always claimed that they have a clean record of abiding by their legal undertakings, would be enormously embarrassed to be brought before it. Their sensitivity to charges that they have breached international undertakings is evident in their reaction to the devastating Human Rights report on deaths in Chinese orphanages. China, which signed the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child in 1991, has gone to exceptional lengths to try to persuade the international press, without success, that the report is baseless. Mr Rifkind, to his credit, ignored veiled Chinese threats that to bring up this issue would wreck the visit, publicly stating that China's best way to prove that it had nothing to hide

was "total transparency". The promising start to Mr Rifkind's visit suggests that some at least of China's leaders may be waking up to the consequences of a collapse of confidence in Hong Kong. At the new year. China expressed hope for a "new dawn" in its relations with Britain. That no longer appears to mean, as before, merely that Peking expects Britain to make all the running. As a lawyer, Mr Rifkind is trained to make the best of tough cases. He has stepped up the pressure, and Peking is finally starting to surrender some chips.

DON'T SPARE THE VINEGAR

There's many a slip 'twixt the scaly foreign fish and the chip

Zander and chips are proposed as the latest British dish. The proposer is not a judge referring cannibalistically to Professor Michael Zander of the London School of Economics, but British Waterways, which wants to land two fish in one net by policing the can-

als and changing traditional eating habits. As every minnow knows, zander is the pikeperch from Eastern Europe. It has fins like a perch, is as predatory as the pike, and was introduced into Britain as a game fish that gave a good run for its landing. Though not yet a household name, it occurs flatteringly in the angling press. Zander is said to have firm white flesh comparable to the sea bass. In Alsace, gourmets pursue le

sandre frit, with chunky English fries. Now, like other immigrants such as the grey squirrel, the mink and the rhododendron, the zander is taking over. So Liverpool University is launching its zander project. By analysing the guts of zander, its scientists mean to find out whether the zander is upsetting the ecological balance. If only fish and chip shops could popularise zander and chips, they might give the

processes of natural selection a shove. Now that cod is becoming a rare luxury. zander is easier to catch. It cannot be poached by Spanish fishermen, unless they come sailing up the Middle Level Drain. However, it is bony. And zander is caught by solitary anglers, not factory fishermen. So its supply is as uncertain as angling itself.

And it is a fish of a different sort, with a silly name. So zander offends the conservatism of our diet. Fish and chips rather than roast beef or suct pudding are the characteristic British dish, and our most popular eating export. They provided a cheap and healthy mass diet for the factory workers of the Industrial Revolution. With regional variations, and in spite of modern competition from hamburgers, fried chicken and curry, fish and chips are still the native dish. In Britain fish still have to swim three times: first in the sea, then in batter, and finally with some sweet fizzy drink in the stomach. Because of hygienic nanny legislation, they may no longer come wrapped in newsprint. But they are still part of our eating heritage, which is wary of change.

In Britain, changes in diet tend to come from the gourmets downwards to the market, supermarket and chipper. Avocado pears and kiwi fruit were the dinner-party trophies of the one-up classes for a generation before they were accepted as normal British food. Although cheaper than petfood, pheasants and such game birds are still bought only with suspicion as being not quite us. If British Waterways really wants to persuade the British to eat zander and chips on Friday night, they will have to change the fish's name to something reassuring like canal cod or pond pike. And they still haven't a hope, for at least a generation - when the zander may be the only fish left.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Tory differences over centre ground

Asylum subject to proper behaviour

From Sir Dennis Walters and Sir James Craig

Sir, Neither the British nor the Saudi Government has sought to deny Dr Muhammad al-Masari the privilege of asylum, ie, a sheltered home in which to go peacefully about his busi-

ness (letters, January 6, 9).

The principal objection of both governments is to his use of that shelter to mount a campaign of propaganda and agitation calculated to damage their mutual good relations. A British government is perfectly right to be concerned about our strategic and commercial interests.

The second objection is that his group's campaign has descended to the depths of scurrilous personal abuse and even obscenity. There is plenty of written proof of that.

His image as a defender of human rights, democracy and liberal principles is ludicrous. His views are wholly reactionary. If you are for democracy and free speech you should be against Dr Masari. If you are against decapitation, hand-chopping and the segregation of women you should be against Dr Masari.

Let him retire to the Reading Room of the British Museum and write a reasoned, frank and polite account of his views. No one would disturb him - unless it were his present support-

Yours faithfully, **DENNIS WALTERS** (Chairman), JAMES CRAIG (Vice-Chairman), Middle East International, 21 Collingham Road, SW5.

From Mr A. I. Shenkman

Sir, Having been born in Moscow in 1923, I enjoyed the same status as my father, who was granted political asylum here in 1932, until my naturalisation in 1946. I had volunteered and served as an officer in an armouredcar regiment during the war.

Against this background I take issue with your leader's suggestion (January 5) on Dr Masari that there is a moral cost involved in his exclusion. Asylum is not a right but a privilege, and like all privileges it carries obli-gations. The main obligation is to do nothing which will either embarrass the host country or damage its interests, regardless of whether they be military, diplomatic, economic or of

any other nature. It is certainly not permissible to carry on a campaign against a state with which the host country has friendly relations and where it has very considerable commercial interests, regardless of whether that campaign consists of active terrorism or of propaganda against its present rulers.

Far from facing criticism, the Home Office is to be warmly congratulated on the elegance of the solution a which it has arrived; Solomon could have done no better.

I remain, Sir, yours faithfully, A. I. SHENKMAN, Ivy Bank House, Newburgh, Fife. January 9.

From Mr A. E. R. Ross Sir, Dr Masari has, through his com-

puter network, access to the world. It can be operated from any location in the world.

Let him depart to spread his views from some less comfortable headquarters, where commercial considerations are not involved and the protection of British security is not available, eg. Damascus or Baghdad.

Yours faithfully. A. E. R. ROSS. 49 Humberston Avenue. New Waltham, Humberside. January 9.

Missing dates

From Mr Martin E. Simons

Sir. Professor Balchin (letter, January 2) makes an important point by drawing attention to inadequate postmark-ing of Christmas mail. More serious is that ever more business mail is sent in pre-franked first-class envelopes or stamped first class by business, which is then not dated by the Post Office, so that it is impossible to establish when an item has been posted.

This reduces the number of complaints of late delivery and improves the apparent performance of the Royal Mail. More serious is that company registrars, the Inland Revenue and others cannot be blamed for untimely

MARTIN E. SIMONS. 24 Granard Avenue, SW15.

BT regulation

From the Director of Regulatory Affairs. BT

Yours faithfully.

Sir. From the point of view of BT your leader. "Ring in the new" (January 4), woefully over-simplifies one of the most significant issues facing the company since privatisation in 1984.

What the Director-General of Telecommunications. Don Cruickshank. is proposing are sweeping and unprecedented new powers. These powers would effectively allow him to order BT to do anything he judged necessary or to stop doing anything he considered undesirable if he judged it anti-competitive. They would leave BT with no right of appeal to the courts or other disinterested bodies for impar-

tial analysis if he got the facts wrong or his position was mistaken.

take just one example. Mr Cruickshank says he would wish us to give competitors advance notice of our new services and the date of their introduction so they can be ready to

BT has not been "reluctant to put [number portability] into practice" as you state. Indeed, we have always been in favour of it; our argument has been who should pay. The Monopolies and Mergers Commission agreed

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Kelvedon, Colchester, Essex. January 4. From Mr Charles Hunter

suggests that Ms Emma Nicholson's primary concern would appear "to be the 'right' of unmarried parents to plunder my income and savings". The responsibility for the nurture of

such responsibilities to government. as well as the power and duty to tax. Unmarried parents do not "plunder" Mr Walker's income and savings: the Government legitimately taxes them in the pursuit of democratically mandated goals, for which Mr Walker shares moral responsibility with ev-

this possibility. I did so in my reply of

November 7, 1995. When the depart-

ment's own investigation into this as-

pect of the case was complete and I

was in a position to make a fuller re-

port, I again did so (on December 19,

1995). I also made clear at that time

that I would report to the House again

when all aspects of the department's

own investigation had been com-

pleted. I will do so as soon as possible.

clear to Parliament, I regret the earlier

errors in my department, it is impor-

tant to understand that it has always

been my policy to set the record straight and to do so voluntarily at the

earliest opportunity. That is what has happened in this case.

leaders, through economic regenera-

tion and youth enterprise, to ease the

transition into the harsh realities of

forged build self-help and self-esteem

in the post-Soviet era and that they

help to tackle the real threat of disillu-

signment with market reform. If every

foreign investor, public agency and

civic leader engaged in business in

Central and Eastern Europe made a

commitment to this approach, the

risks of political insecurity on our

doorstep would be significantly dimi-

We believe that the partnerships so

democratic market economies.

Yours faithfully.

Department of Trade

1 Victoria Street, SWI.

IAN LANG,

and industry.

Yours faithfully,

Chief Executive.

Leaders Forum.

January 8.

ROBERT DAVIES,

The Prince of Wales Business

5 Cleveland Place, St James's, SWI.

January 5.

Although, as I have already made

ner's claim (The common ground is the high ground", January 4) that the Conservatives have not lost the centre ground of British politics. Yours faithfully, DAVID THORNTON,

Atlas of Britain (report, September

28, 1995) show a country split between

rich and poor, no one for an instant will be fooled by Sir George Gardi-

The Vicarage, Church Street,

Sir, Antony Walker (letter, January 5)

children goes beyond biological parents, and is shared by society. Children will come in time to support those now of working age, just as those of working age support the burgeoning retired section of the population.

In a democratic society, we delegate ery other voter in the land.

Yours faithfully, CHARLES HUNTER, 24 Hogarth House. Erasmus Street, SW1. January 5.

DTI policy 'to set the record straight'

From the President of the Board of Trade

From Mr N. Strauss

creeb;

Yours faithfully, N. STRAUSS,

39 Princes Drive,

Oxshott, Surrey.

From the Reverend

David J. D. Thornton

Sir, Is it not rather absurd of Emma

Nicholson to go on various radio pro-

grammes to tell us how "saddened"

she is by her former colleagues' per-

sonal attacks, and how these show

their lack of anything substantial to say on policy and their ungentleman-

liness - and then to call Michael Por-

tillo a cowardly gang-leader and a

Sir, The late Sir Geoffrey Butler, in

The Tory Tradition (first published in 1914 and reissued in 1957) reminded

his readers of the origins of One-Na-

tion Conservatism. He quoted the pas-

sage from Disraeli's novel, Sybil: or

The Two Nations?, about the chasm

Two nations: between whom there is no in-

recourse and no sympathy: who are as ig-norant of each other's habits, thoughts, and feelings as if they were dwellers in different zones, or inhabitants of different planets; who are formed by a different breeding, are

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As long as the modern Conservative

Party forgets that doctrine, and as

long as reports such as A New Social

raeli] see hope of saving England."

Butler commented: "Only in the

between the rich and the poor:

Sir, Your report on the firm Rom Data in the Business section (January 5) suggests that Department of Trade and industry ministers past and present have misled the House of Commons. This is not the case. May I explain the position?

My department, the DTI, unprompted by MPs, has been conducting its own investigation into its handling of the assistance given to the Rom Data Corporation Limited. In the course of that investigation it became apparent that certain answers given on March 2 and July 19, 1995, by DTI ministers in connection with Rom Data might have been based upon in-

correct information. Rather than let these answers lie uncorrected while the internal investigation was completed, once I became aware of the position I decided that I

should at once warn Parliament of

Eastern initiatives

From the Chief Executive of the Prince of Wales Business Leaders Forum

Sir. In the wake of the industrial restructuring that is taking place throughout Central and Eastern Europe and of the unpredictable new marketplace which this has created, young people in many of those countries face unprecedented risks of poverty and insecurity. We believe that a partnership between business, civic and community leaders can ease their

predicament. Over the past five years, in towns and cities from St Petersburg to Sofia, the Prince of Wales Business Leaders Forum has orchestrated a number of multinational initiatives — the most recent was a conference which we convened in Potsdam last November - to

stimulate action by business and civic

Kidney patients From Mrs Muriel Crecraft

Sir. Passing a pleasant Saturday morning with *The Times*, while at-tached to a kidney dialysis machine. I

was amazed to find myself described by the President of the British Kidney Patient Association as "living on death row" (letter, January 6).

The worthy desire to promote transplantation cannot justify the use of such a phrase. It could cause distress to hundreds of dialysis patients and alarm many others who are waiting for such treatment, either as new patients or because their transplant is failing.

Before dialysis treatment was available I watched helplessly as muchloved relatives died of renal failure. Now, a few painless hours of treatment each week enable me to enjoy a

Yours faithfully, MURIEL CRECRAFT, 13 Weathercock Lane, Woburn Sands. Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire.

full and active life, for which I am very

From Dr Brian Barraclough Sir. A measure of the mental suffering

experienced by patients having renal dialysis is the suicide rate. This is

raised some 14 times. In contrast the suicide rate follow-

ing successful renal transplantation is near to the average (Suicide as an Outcome for Medical Disorders. Medicine, 1994; 73. pp281-296).

BRIAN BARRACLOUGH. 48 Brookvale Road. Southampton, Hampshire.

January 6. that BT should pay part of the costs.

not all as the director-general had proposed, and that the proportion which it was to pay should be fixed in advance by rules, not left to Offel to fix as it thought fit.

The fact that BT retains such a large section of this highly competitive mar-ket 12 years after privatisation is due in no small part to the quality and vast range of services we provide, funded by over £20 billion of shareholders' investment, and to our call prices, which are now among the lowest in the

Yours faithfully JOHN BUTLER. Director, Regulatory Affairs, BT, BT Centre, 81 Newgate Street, EC1. January 4.

Due honours for academic merit

From Professor Graham Zellick

Sir, Judge Beddard (letter, January 5) suggests that professors are over-rep-resented in the New Year knighthoods, with eight out of the 29 awards.

I cannot agree.

He might have posed the same question in respect of the eight businessmen and industrialists (who actually include one of the professors) or the six for political service. It must also be remembered that the

knights bachelor exclude most civil servants and military personnel who. in Mr Major's reformed, classless. meritorious honours lists, retain a near monopoly of knighthoods in the various other orders of chivalry. Adding in these reduces the professorial proportion from just over a quarter to around one fifth. It would drop even further if one included all the barristers automatically knighted on ap-

pointment to the High Court bench. In any case, the eight new professorial knights give some indication of the range of the contribution made by those in the universities to our national life -- to medical and surgical practice and research, to science and engineering, to historical scholarship

and to government service. Judge Beddard should consider the overall contribution made to society by the staff of our universities in medical, scientific and engineering practice and research, in research and scholarship in the social sciences and humanities, in undergraduate and postgraduate education and training, in the training of nearly all our professionals, in managing our universities, in advising government, Parliament, political parties, industry, international organisations and the voluntary sector, in earning overseas income and in promoting Britain's reputation

abroad. Eight knighthoods, together with other awards, is surely far from excessive. I wish only that there were more material recognition by the Government of the value of our universities and those who work in them.

Yours faithfully, GRAHAM ZELLICK (Principal), Queen Mary and Westfield College. University of London, London El 4NS. January 5.

Opening for Sussex

From Professor R. G. West, FRS Sir. PHS discusses the suggestion (January 4) that Boxgrove Man may

have played cricket half a million

years ago in Sussex. It is worth recalling that Piltdown Man, also of Sussex, was associated with a large bone implement described by Reginald Smith in 1914, soon part of a cricket bat (Quarterly Journal of the Geological Society, vol 71). Although this "bat" is now accepted as a forgery, it does seem that cricket

plays a part in the archaeological cul-

tural baggage of Sussex. Yours faithfully. R. G. WEST. 3a Woollards Lane, Great Shelford, Cambridge. January 4.

Caught napping

From Mr Brian Wicks

Sir, The author H. E. Bates used to tell the story of a village cricket match in which he was playing when all the fielders threw up their hands with a unified shout of "Howzar?" The umpire shook his head sadly and said, rather surprisingly as he was the local gamekeeper, "Oi never see'd it". His

word stood. It's a phrase modern umpires could adopt (reports, January 5).

Yours faithfully. BRIAN WICKS, 137 Malmesbury Road, Chippenham. Wiltshire. January 5.

Egg or spring chicken From Mrs Jane Inglis

Sir. You report ("Love and sex keep you looking young". later editions. January 2) a survey showing that people who make love rwice a week with a loving partner are less prone to ageing and look up to 14 years younger than they really are.

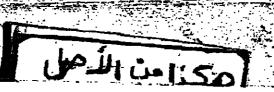
Is it not probable that people who look 14 years younger than their actual age are more likely to have a loving partner with whom they make love twice a week?

Yours sincerely, JANE INGLIS. 9 Oakroyd Avenue. Ponters Bar, Hertfordshire.

Mobile menace

From Canon Peter Southwell-Sander Sir. Steve Race fletter. January 8) wonders if mobile phones in trains can be jammed. Has the time not come for the introduction of "No Talking" carriages to offer protection from all intrusive communicators?

Yours faithfully, PETER SOUTHWELL-SANDER. North House. Boreham Manor, Church Road, Boreham, Essex, January 8.





COURT CIRCULAR

SANDRINGHAM

January 9: The Lady Elion has succeeded the Hon Mary Morri-son as Lady in Walting to The

BUCKINGHAM PALACE January 9: The Princess Royal. President, British Olympic Associution, this evening attended a Charity Auction in aid of the British Olympic Appeal ar Bonham's, Montpelier Street, London SW7.

KENSINGTON PALACE
January 9: The Princess of Wales Patron, Centrepoint, this evening visited one of the charity's emer-gency shelters for homeless young people in London.

Royal engagements The Princess Royal, as President of the Royal Yachting Association, will attend the association bout show and

luncheon at the London International Boat Show, Earls Court Exhibition Centre, at 12.30. Princess Margaret, as President of The Royal Ballet, will attend a performance of Manon at the Opera House at 7.20 as part of the Hamly: Westminster Week.

Today's events

The Queen's Life Guard mounts at Horse Guards at II. The Queen's Guard mounts at Buckingham Pal-

Marriage

Professor Dr R.G.L. von

Zugbach de Sugg and Fräulein T.C.S. Stapelleldt The civil marriage took place or December 28, at the Central Register Office, Düsseldorf, between Professor Dr Reginald von Zugbach de Sugg and Fräulein Susanna Stapelfeldt. The ceremony was conducted by Herr M.

Brambusch.
Frau I.C. Grefe and Frau I.C. Pospisil were witnesses.

The church ceremony will take place in the private chapel of the Baron and Baroness von Abercron at Schloss Frenz on March 23.

Birthdays today

Sir Walter Bodmer, geneticist, 60; Mr Eddie Cheever, racing driver. 38: Sir Robin Chichester-Clark. former MP. 68: Mr Tom Clarke. MP. 55: Professor Rodney Eatock Taylor, mechanical engineer, \$2: Dr R.D.H. Gem, secengineer, S2: Dr R.D.H. Gem, sec-retary, Cathedrals Fabric Com-mission for England, 51: Sir Arthur Gold, honorary life president, Euro-pean Alhletic Association, 70: Mr Derek Hammond-Stroud, concer-and opera baritone, 70: Sir David Hopkin, former Chief Metropolitan Supendiary Magistrate, 74: Sir Derek Hornby, former chairman, British Demyses Tenda Rangt for Sir Polyer Overseas Trade Board, ob; Sir Robert Marshall, civil servant, 16; Dr Peter Mathias, former Master, Downing College, Cambridge, 68: Sir David Miers, diplomat, 59: Mr Denis Peach. former chief charty own has some feet of the Marion Rodgers, actor, 63. Mr Rud Stewart, rock, singer, 51; Mrs Vaterie Strachan, chairman, Hr Customs and Excise, 56; Ms Marjorie Wallace, chief executive, SANE, 51.

Appointment Lavant House-Rosemead

The Governors are pleased to announce the appointment of Mrs Sarah Watkins, BA, previously Headmistress of Heathfield School, Ascot, as Headmistress of Lavant House-Rosemend with effect from January I, 1996, in succession to Mrs Yvonne Graham, who has become Headmistress of Clifton High School,

School news

Edgehill College, Devon

Term begins today and the En-trance Examination for students to the Senior School will be held on Friday, January 19. Edgehill Col-lege's Annual Charity Week will begin Monday, January 29. The Senior Schools' production of Animai Farm will run from Thursday to Saturday, March 21-23, Term ends on Friday, March 29, Sixth Form Scholarships have been awarded to: Natalie Beer, Jessica Jackson, Wilok Lau, Hannah Strawbridge: Exhibitions: Christian Fletcher-Cullum. Anna Folland, Emily Stone.

Eton College

Eton College opens today for the Lent Helf. There are 1,278 boys in the School, J.C.P. Hoffman KS is Captain of the School and the Earl of Mornington OS continues as Captain of the Oppidans.

The examination for Junior Scholarships will be held on February 3 and that for Sixth Form Scholarships on February 9 and 10. The Business Conference starts on February 12, and Long Leave will be from February 15 to 19. There will be services of Confirmation in College Chapel, conducted by the Visitor, the Bishop of Lincoln, on March 9 and 10. School closes on March 20.

Moulsford **Preparatory School**

The Spring Term begins at Moulsford Preparatory School to-day. The Head Boy is Max Freke, Captain of Rughy is Peter Bur-roughs and Head Chorister Charles Andrews. The Moulsford Sevens Tournament takes place on Sunday, March 3, and the School Play will be performed on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, March 21, 22 and 23. Term ends on Wednesday, March 27.

Oueen Margaret's School, York

Spring Term began yesterday and ends on March 23. The Music Scholars' concert will take place on January 28 and the School Concert on February 25. The Sixth Form Scholarship Examination and Music Scholarship will be held on

Evensong in York Minster on February ZS. The Bishop of Selby service on March 10. Daisy Pulls It Off will be performed on March 15 and 16. The senior skiing party departs for Saalbach on February II and the junior skiing party for Les Deux Alpes on March 23.

The Princess Helena College

The Spring Term begins today and ends on Thursday, March 21. Jane ends on Thursday, March 21. Jane Bishop continues as head of school with Madeline Broome as her deputy. The Junior Scholarship and Entrance Examinations take place on Saturday, February 3. The annual Spring Concert is on Saturday and March In, commencing at 7 30 cm.

St George's School, Ascot

Boarders return to St George's Boarders return to St Courge's School, Ascot today and School opens Thursday, January II, for the Spring Term. The following pupils have gained Sixth Form Scholarships and Awards for 1996/98: Sarah Barrington, Josephine Moulds, Anna O'Shaughnessy. Anna Smith Marianne. nessy. Anna Smith, Marianne Stewart. Joanne Stoddart. The Stewart. Joanne Stoddart. The School play Hard to Swallow by Mark Wheeller will be performed on March 15, 16 and 17 and The Chapel Choir will give a Spring Concert in Sunningdale Parish Church on March 2 at Sprin. Term ends on Friday. March 22

Truro High School

The Spring Term begins at Truro High School today with 420 pupils on roll. Melanie Adams continues as Head Girl and Jessica Thomas and Rachel Mann as her deputies. The II+ Entrance and Scholarship examinations will be held on Saturday, January 27. The One Act Play Festival, Victorian Varieties will be held on March 14, 15 and 16. The Confirmation Service will take place in Truro Cathedral on Saturday, March 23, with the Bishop of Truro, the Right Rev Michael Ball, OCA, officiating. Old Girls who would like details of the May 1996 Centenary Celebrations and Reunion should contact the Chair man of the Old Girls Association. Truro High School, Falmouth Road, Truro TRI 2HU.

Dinners

Lord Mayor

The Lord Mayor and Lady May oress entertained the Court of Aldermen, the Sheriffs and High Officers of the Corporation of London and their ladies at dinner yesterday at the Mansion House. The other guests were:

Commander and Alderman Sir Robin and Lady Gillett. Alderman Sir Greville and Lady Spratt, Mr and Mrs Samuel Jones, Mr and Mrs Jonathan Chalstrey and Dr and Mrs Peter Stillian

Marquis of Huntly

The Right Hon Margaret Beckett. Shadow Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, was guest Institute of Financial Accountants held in the House of Lords, on Tuesday, January 9, 1996. The Marquis of Huntly, president, was the host and presided. Business dustry, education and politics and representatives of organisations and companies were present. Air Force Board

Air Chief Marshal Sir Michael Graydon, Chief of the Air Staff, presided at a dinner given by the Air Force Board Standing Com-mittee and their ladies last night at RAF Bentley Priory to mark the retirement, on March 8, of Air Chief Marshal Sir Michael Alcock.

Air Member for Logistics, and the appointment and promotion to Air Marshal of Air Vice-Marshal P.T. Squire, on February 9, to Deputy Chief of the Defence Staff (Pro-

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Michel Ney. com-mander of Napoleon's Old Guard. Saarlouis. Germany. 1769: Adrier Wettach (Grock), clown Alexei Nikolayevich Tolstoy, novelist and playwright, 1883: Dame Wakefield, 1903. DEATHS: William Laud. Arch-

bishop of Canterbury 1633-45, beheaded, London, 1645; Carolus Linnaeus, botanist. Uppsala, Swe den. 1778: Mary Russell Mittord, essayist and dramatist, Swallowfield, Berkshire, 1855; Samuel Colt, gunsmith, 1862; William Frederick Cody (Buffalo Bill). showman, Denver, Colorado, 1917: Frank Bridge, composer. Eastbourne, 1941; Sinclair Lewis, nov-elist. Nobel laureate 1930. Rome. 1951: Gabrielle (Coco) Chanel, fashion designer, Paris, 1971. The "Penny Post" introduced by Sir Rowland Hill, 1840.

THE composer Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber stands beside £18m Picasso an £18 million Picasso he has lent to the National Gallery in goes on loan

London (Dalya Alberge writes). His Art Foundation bought The Portrait of Angel Fernández de Soto, regarded as "one of the most striking images of the artist's Blue Period", in America a year ago. A foundation spokesman said: "The whole purpose is to buy important works of art so that they can be seen by the public and remain in Britain in perpetuity. Sir Andrew is an art connoisseur with a huge private collection and the foundation is his way of putting something

back." The composer of Cats, Phantom of the Opera and other hit musicals is letting the National Gallery have the painting for the next six months it will return for several months a year

over the next five years, in between touring regional galleries. The painting, which dates from 1903, depicts Angel de Soto, one of Picasso's closest friends from his youth in Barcelona. They used to meet at a café called Els Quatre Gats, a haunt of young artists and writers. Although de Soto dreamt of becoming a painter, he made ends meet by working as a model, actor and for a spice merchant.

Riding into a Neandertal rodeo

By Norman Hammond, archaeology correspondent

NEANDERTAL man suffered similar injuries to American roden riders, a new study has found. Frequent injuries to the head, neck and shoulders seem to have resulted from "frequent close encounters of a dangerous kind with prey

Thomas Berger and Erik Trinkaus, of the University of New Mexico, were struck by the odd distribution of traumatic injuries in Neandertal skeletons of the period from 100,000 to 35,000 years ago in Europe and the Middle East: dividing the body into seven zones, including the head, trunk, pelvis, limbs and extremities, they found that the head and arms had the most lesions, the lower body and hands the lewest.

against three more recent archaeological samples from North America and Nubia. and against modern clinical evidence from London and New York medical records, they found a poor fit for everything except pelvic inju-

Prehistoric North Americans had many more trunk and leg lesions and Nubians more damaged arms, while Neandertalers had twice to four times as many head injuries as the modern samples.

The real surprise came from the mdea cowboys, however: data provided by their professional association showed a very similar pattern of injuries to the Neandertals, although Matching these data with a third fewer head inju-

ries in the prehistoric sample. Berger and Trinkaus ascribe this to the hunting techniques of Neandertals. which from their stone tools would seem to have consisted of approaching large animals close up with thrusting spears. per cent of the head and neck injuries are on males, and supports the idea that men hunted and women did not.

Rodeo riders have similar close encounters with animals, although with different intentions; but whether earning a living or killing one's dinner was the objective, the animals would seem to have been, in Berger and Trinkaus's words, "unkindly disposed to the humans involved. Source: Journal of Archaeological Science 22: 841-852.

Forthcoming marriages

and Miss J.M. Nimmins

The engagement is announced between Simon, son of Dr and Mrs H.G. Barnes, of Tynemouth, and Julia, daughter of Mr and Mrs G.H.L. Nimmins, of Durham. Mr G.A. Chariton-Edwards and Miss L.J. Done

The engagement is announced between Alex, son of Mr and Mrs between Alex, son of wir and wars E. Charlton-Edwards, of 110 Dixon Drive, Chellord, Cheshire, and Louisa, only daughter of Mr J.H. Done, of Whitchurch, Shropshire, and Mrs M. Darlington, of Chirk.

Mr J.F.C. Cooper and Miss P.F. Hughes

The engagement is announced between Jonathan, son of Major General Sir Simon and Lady Cooper, of Donhead St Andrew, Wiltshire, and Pollyanna, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Christopher Hughes, of Furneaux Pelham, Hentfordshire.

Mr A.C.H. Cutler The engagement is announced between Adam, son of Mr and Mrs Maurice Cutler, of Alvoodley. Leeds, and Debra, youngest daughter of Judge and Mrs Geoffrey Kamil, of Leeds.

Mr H.H. Duboureq and Miss G.E.E. Hunter-Jones The engagement is announced between Hilaire, son of Mr Emile Dubourcq, of the Hague, Holland, and the late Mrs Lucia Dubourcq. née Wittmeyer, and Georgina, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Hunter-Jones, of London.

Mr E.F. Gordon Clark and Miss F.D.J. Crosthwaite The engagement is announced between Edmund, second son of Mr and Mrs Francis Gordon Clark, of Lasham, Hampshire, and Flora, only daughter of Mr Charles Crosthwaite, of Callington, Cornwall, and Mrs Michael Madden, of Withiel,

Mr G.F. Griffin and Miss S.J. Botts The engagement is announced between Gerard, elder son of Mr

and Mrs Richard B. Griffin, of Washington DC, and Sarah, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs John Botts, of Kensington.

Mr M.J. Hargreaves and Miss M.H. Skelding The engagement is announced between Mark John, younger son of Mr and Mrs J.R. Hargreaves, of Charlton Kings, Gloucestershire, and Melissa Harcourt, only daughter of Mr S. Skelding, of Fulham, London, and Mrs C.H. Skelding, of Pauntley,

Mr J.M.G. Kendrick

and Dr A.P.A. Tan
The engagement is announced between Justin Murray Guy
Kendrick, elder son of Brigadier and Mrs Roy Kendrick, of Farnham, Surrey, and Dr Anne Tan Poh Ann, daughter of Dr Mary Chan Mei Li and the late Mr Joseph Tan Chee Yong, of

Singapore. Dr F.G. Mucavele

The engagement is announced between Firmino, son of Mr Gabrief Mucavele and the late Mrs Laurinda Mucavele, of Maputo, Mozambique, and Patricia, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Hoyles, of Newton Hall, Wisbech. Cambridgeshire.

Mr A.C. Robinson and Miss H.M. Allen-Stevens The engagement is announced between Alex, younger son of Mr and Mrs Anthony Robinson, of Forest Hey, Sandiway, Cheshire, and Hester, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs John Allen-Stevens, of Wicklesham Lodge, Faringdon, Oxfordshire,

The engagement is announced between Alun, only son of Mrs Brynmor Jones, of Caerphilly. Wales, and Elisabeth, younges daughter of Mr and Mrs Christopher Dow, of Clapham, London.

Mr M. Onino and Miss A.G.J. Pitts

and MISS ACT. Plis
The engagement is announced between Mark, only son of Dr and Mrs Philip Quinn, of Read, Lancashire, and Andreina, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter
The Conselor Middlement Pitts, of Osterley, Middlesex. Mr A.R.C. Rudd

The engagement is announced between Adam, second son of Mr and Mrs P.R.F. Rudd, of Grimsby. Lincolnshire, and Laura, only daughter of Mr and Mrs L. Curry. of Pacific Palisades, California,

and Miss L.E. Curry

Mr A.R.B. Sharp and Mrs S. Geddes

and Mrs S. Geddes
The engagement is announced
between Anthony, younger son of
the late Mr and Mrs Roger Sharp,
and Sarah, youngest daughter of
Mr and Mrs Philip Mellor, of
Harrow-on-the-Hill, Middlesex.

Mr W.M. Sollis and Miss E.M. Graham The engagement is announced between William, elder son of Mr and Mrs N. Sollis, of Bromley, Rent, and Emma, daughter of Mr and Mrs R. Graham, of Hughen-

den Valley, Buckinghamshire

Mr D.B. Spanghton and Miss Y. Hasegawa The engagement is announced between David Bernard, son of Mr and Mrs Bernard Spanghton, of Cheam, Surrey, and Yukiko, daughter of Mr and Mrs K. Hasegawa, of Nagoya, Japan.

Mr M.J. Stevenson and Miss H.K. Baxter The engagement is announced between Michael, son of Mr and Mrs J.W. Stevenson, of Ellon, Aberdeenshire, and Helen, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs R.W. Baxter, of Frodsham, Cheshire.

Mr J.E. Stuart-Mills and Miss L.J. Wallace

and Miss L.J. Wallace
The engagement is announced between James Euan, youngest son of the late John Stuart-Mills and of Mrs Hugh Pennant-Williams, of Bohon by Bowland, Lancashire, and Lucinda Jane, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Wallace, of Chobham, Surrey.

Mr J.L. Tanner and Miss V. Wates

The engagement is announced between James Leonard, eldest son of Mr and Mrs L. Gene Tanner, of Indianapolis, Indiana, USA, and Victoria, daughter of Mr and Mrs Paul Wates, of Bellasis House, Dorking, Surrey.

Mr M. Twisleton-Wykehamand Miss C.J. Corris Evans

The engagement is announced between Mark, son of the late Sir Maurice Alberic Fiennes and of Mrs Sylvia Fiennes, of Portugal, and Caroline Jane, daughter of the late Mr and Mrs Corris Evans.

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Mr A.S. Wallington and Miss V. Askew

The engagement is announced between Andrew, youngest son of Mr Geoffrey Wallington and Mrs Bridget Wallington, of Leicester-shire, and Vivienne, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs George Askew, of Southam, Warwickshire. Mr T.G. Wild

and Miss S.A. Price

The engagement is announced between Timothy Giles, son of Group Captain and Mrs Frederick Wild, of Monxton. Hampshire, and Sian Allison, daughter of Mrs Jennifer Price, of Harrow-on-the-Hill. Middlesex.

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a sister for Steven and Georgia CARRINGTON - To Michael	Reyn tel: 0
and Janne (née Crawley), a beautiful daughter, Georgia Lucy Dorothy, on 6th January 1996, A special gift	Dece home John and

EFFRES - On 2nd January 1996, to Emma and Graham. a son. Charles Samuel at The Portland Hospital to David and Janice Gu. a brother for Geoffrey. NECHOL - On 23rd December 1996, to Suzanne (nic Reyes) and Howard. a deschiter.

for Alexander William.

ORMHOD - Earlier than expected, on January 7th at Wesham Park Hospital. Slough To Kate Griffin and Caris formed. a filtle boy. Henry John Griffin. Thanks to all the staff for a safe delivery.

delivery.
QUILTER - On 19th
December 1995. In
Auckland, New Zealand, to
Ben and Helen. a son.
Laurence Beninnin John. a Ben and Meter. a 50s. Laurence Benjamin John. a brother for Sam. RYALL - On December 27th, to Laura and James, yet smother stuming daughter. Phoche Victoria Jane. a sister for Kelle and Polly.

TMOMAS - On December 24th. to Samantha (nee Justice) and Tobyn. 8 daughter, hobel Jernima. WILSON - On January 5th at The Portland Hospital, to Sara-Jayne (nea Raynor) and Thomas Randall, a beautiful

DIAMOND ANNIVERSARIES

and Lerraine 10th January 1936 at Sherburn-in-Einet, Yorkshire, Congratitizations and love from the Danity. COLDEN **ANNIVERSARIES** BARUSH:PRESCOTT - On January 10th 1946 at St Michael's, Highgale, Jasper 10 Rosewary. Now at Sumbiry-on-Thames.

off - Joyce on imber 30th 1995 after a illness. Much loved her and grandmother. 5 pm Worthing Crematorium. Enquiries to Reynolds Funeral Service. Int. 101245) 864746. Int. 101245) 847467 Peacefully at home. Group Cast. Tereore John, father of Susan, Robin and Diana. Funeral Service at Mortiake on 11th January at 11 am. Memorial Service to be announced lager. at Mortisse on 11th January
at 11 am. Memorial Service
to be announced later.
BARRAS - Mhairi (née
Harper) on 6th January
1996 at Alverstoke House
Nurang Home, beloved wife
of Crawford (deceased),
adored mother of Nicola.
Gillian. Christopher and
Sizsen and grandfrother of

BELL - Peacefully on January
Sth. Constance Alyson aged
73 years of Thorpeness.
Suffolk, late of Neathgate.
London NW11. Widow of
Brian Bell and loved Aunt.
Private cremation at
loswich. Memorial Service at
Thorpeness after which
friends will be welcome at
Thorpeness Country Club.
lime and date to be
aunounced. No Bowers but
donations if desired to
Friends of Aldeburgh Collage
Hospital C/o Tony Browns
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BURCH - Peacefully on 7th January 1996, at Costamaine Rest Home. St Leonards-on-Sea. Elleen Frances. aged 93. Elder daughter of the late William and Amy Burch of Wandsworth Common and the much loved prayerful elder sister of Janualina Keighiley of Grassington. Yorks and the late William Burch. Funeral Service and Thanksgiving at St Matthew's Church. St Leonards. on Thursday 18th January at 12.45 pm. followed by private committed. Family flowers only, donations if desired for bistractic may be sent to committat. Family flowers only densitions if desired for intersery may be sent to A.C. Towner Ltd. 2 & 4 Norman Road, St Legands-on-Sea. East Sumex TNS7 6NH.

DEATHS DEATHS BURT - Sidney William passed away on 8th January 1996 aged 70 years. Sadiy missed by his family and friends. Funeral Service on Friday 12th January at St Helen's Church, Benson, 11.30 am. Family flowers only. Donaflows & destred to Dr. Barnardo's or R.A.F. Benevolent Fund c/o Howard Chadwick Funeral Service. Clock House Cottage. Benson Lane. Crowntarsh. Wallingford. (01491) 825222. CRUTCH - On 5th January 1996. Rachel Mary, 39ed 65, of Eridge Green. Sussex. Daughter of the late William and Maisie (née Tawse). Funeral Service at Holy Trinity Church. Eridge on Thurday 18th January at 11.30 am. No Howers, donations if wished to Cancer Research Campaign or the 8 F.S.5. Enquiries to E.R. Hickmott & Son, tel: 1018921 522462.

(01491) 825/22.

CARD - Creip died peacefully at Bridge House Nursing Home. Twyford, Reeding on January 8th 1996, aged 90. Founder and Director of The Hampshire Rural Music School. Fuserial Service at Reading Crematorium on Wednesday January 17th at 2.15 pm. No flowers please but donalions if desired to Musiciams Benerolent Fund may be sent c/o A.B. Walker & Son Ltd., 36 Eldon Roed. Reading RG1 4DL.

CARY-ELWES - Peacefully

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CARY-ELWES - Peacefully
and unexpectedly on 5th
January 1995, Elisabeth
Pamela Rundle (née
Brendon). widow of LI.
Catonel Oswald Cary-Elwes.
holoved mother of Charles.
Gerald. Clare. Lavinia.
Catherine and Rosie, and
much loved grandmother. Catherine and resule, and much loved grandmother. Funeral Mass 11.30 am at the Friary. Chilworth. Surrey on Friday 19th January. All are welcome. Funeral attrangements by Pinnas of Guidford. tel: (01485) 607394.

Pimms of Guildford, tel: (01485) 667294.

COLWYN - On 8th January peacefully in Chellenham, Amiann, Lady Colwyn aged 77, dearly loved mother, sister, grandmother and friend and a wonderful mother-in-law. The funeral will lake place at Chellenham, Crenatorium, Prior's Road, Cheltenham, on Thureday 18th January 1956. Peacefully in his steep. Str. Maurice Fletcher Coop K.B., much loved husband of Elsie, Funeral at 8t Michael's Church, Mickleham, on Friday 12th January at 12.30 pm. Flowers or Gonstions to The Mulliple Scienceis Society may be sent to Sheriock & Sons, Trellis House, Dowling, Surrey, tel: (01306) 882256.

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DEATES and Arabella, died surfamily aged 57 years. A private lamily funeral will be held on Friday 12th January at 2.30pm at 58 Mary's Church. Nurfamilys. Crumer. Those wishing to send flowers, please contact Chapel Yard 2 on (01265) 713923. A Memorial Service with be held in Landon shortly.

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Surrey. Artist and dearly
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be greatly missed by
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Cindy and Melanie and greatgrandchildren Melody. Theo
and Oliver and of course his
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IMPELL - On 4th January 1996. John, husband of Penelope and father of Hugo and Arabeta, died surferny

JOHESON - John William Edger on January 7th peacefull at St Peter's Houghts Chartery aged 80. Funeral on Monday January 15th at 10.30 am at Woking Crematorium to which all friends are respectfully. OAKLEY - On January 2nd
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PULLEN - Brian Criffiths

Minsden Hospital, Sutton.

PULLEN - Brian Griffiths, aged 89, of Marrworth, Bucks., died peacefully in hospital on January 6th. Husband of the late Margaret and faither of Nicholas and Elspelli. Fumeral Service on Tuesday 16th January 3t AB Sainty Church, Marrworth at 11.30 arm. No flowers but donations in his memory. Fumeral Meas on Taxanday 1st donations in his memory. Fumeral Meas on Taxanday 1st Meas on Taxanday 1st Meas on Taxanday 1st Meas on Taxanday. donations in his memory may be made to Marsworth Church c/o the Funeral Directors K.Y. Green, 29 Aylesbury, Bucks. HP20 1RP. tel: (01296) 82041.

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DEATHS BOSLING - On 3rd January
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SPEIRS - Olivia V.H. (nee Petersen), widow of Alec McLaven Speirs formerly of Java. Died peacefully aged 91 on 9th Java. Died peacefully aged 91 on 9th Javasawy 1996 in Boursemouth, after a short liness. Much loved Farmor who will be greatly missed.

86 The adored father of Ariadne and beloved husband of his wife Ania. He will be unised terribly. Fureral Mess on Thursday 18th January at St Johan's Convent, Kilin Green, Scrischire at 2 pm. Family flowers only. Donations, if whited, to De Barmardo's, All enquiries to Tomalin & Son. (ct. 101491) 573370. SUMMANWAR - H.N. Garal Brigadier (ret*d) 2 Field Regiment Royal Indian Artillery, passed away peachthy on 31st Occember 1995 in Pooms, India, after a brief thress Survived by his son Brigadier Deepak Summanwar, daughter in-law Starsyu and their two children.

DEATHS 7AYLOR - On January 6th 1996, peacefully in Salisbury District Hospital, after a short liness, courageously borne, Margaret Esmé, widow of the late John Taylor, formerly Esheop of Sheffield, and beloved mother of Bridget and the late Michael. Fumeral at Wylye Parish Church, Winshipe, on Friday January 12th at 11.30 am. Family flowers only, but donations. It desired, may be sent to Wylye Church c/o Chris White, tel: (01722) 790750.

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OBITUARIES

Gabrielle Keiller champion golfer, benefactor and collector of modern art, died on December 23 aged 87. She was born on August 10, 1908.

GABRIELLE KEILLER was, after Roland Penrose and Edward James, the last of the great collectors of Surrealism in Britain. She came to modern art later than they did, having first achieved equal distinction in an entirely unrelated field—international golf. By a strange coincidence, she and Edward James were both born in East Lothian: James in his parents' Lutyens house at Gullane in August 1907, Keiller exactly a year later a few miles along the coast at North Berwick, where her parents were on a golfing holiday. In later years she developed a warm affection for Roland Penrose, based on shared interests in art, and acquired a number of important pieces from his collection. Gabrielle Keiller was born

Gabrielle Muriel Ritchie, her mother was from the Hoare banking family. She was sent to boarding school at an early age but an austere private education did nothing to suppress a lively sense of humour and an inquiring and methodical intellect. In old age she recalled with fondness childhood summers spent at Glenveagh Castle in Co Donegal, where her paternal grandmother, who had remarried an American called Adair, created a spectacular garden among some of the finest natural scenery in Ireland. From the Adairs she later inherited a partshare in a large Texas cattle ranch which was rescued from near-bankruptcy during the Depression by the Herculean efforts of her brother. The sale of this valuable asset after the last war provided the funds for her

art collecting. By 1939 Gabrielle Style (as she then was) was beginning to win golf tournaments on either side of the Channel. Her career was interrupted by the war, during which she drove ambulances for the LCC Auxiliary Ambulance Service, mainly in Ham mersmith, which was heavily bombed. She resumed her golfing career after the war and was coached GABRIELLE KEILLER



principally by Archie Compston at Wentworth and Arthur Lees at Sunningdale.

In 1948 she won the Ladies Open Championships in Luxembourg, Switzerland and Monaco. She retained the Monaco championship in 1949 and won the Sunningdale Foursomes the same year. During this period she was a regular member of the strong Surrey county team and generally played for England in the home internationals. Her greatest accomplishment was probably to have reached the final of the English Ladies Championship in 1951, when, despite receiving painkilling injections for a potentially serious back injury, she led comfortably at the 18-hole stage before eventually being beaten by Jeanne Bisgood at

Gabrielle Ritchie's first two marriages ended in divorce. In 1951 she married Alexander Keiller, the distinguished archaeologist and mem-

impressive group of contemporary sculptures, ingeniously sited, and the scene of memorable summer parties in which she entertained the London art world and a stream of visitors from abroad. Sadly, her period of happiness with

The garden later became home to an

Keiller was short-lived: he died from cancer in 1955. Gabrielle immediately gave up golf, despite having been shortlisted for the 1956 Curtis Cup team (at the age of 47), and entered a new phase in her life. She was received into the Roman Catholic Church. At this time she also took up photography, developing and print-ing her own work. In 1956 she wrote offering her services to Rupert Bruce-Mitford, then Keeper of British and Medieval Antiquities at the British Museum. Working as a part-time volunteer for more than a decade, she made a valuable contribution to Bruce-Mitford's magisterial study of the Sutton Hoo Ship-Burial, including taking photographs which were published in the massive first volume (1975). She also worked on Celtic hanging bowls, the subject of Bruce-Mittord's last publication.

Her interest in modern art was awakened in 1960 when she saw eggy Guggenheim's collection in Venice and the work of Eduardo Paolozzi at the Venice Biennale the same year. She acquired her first Paolozzis in 1963 and developed a close friendship with the artist, becoming his principal patron. From purchases of Paolozzi and Pop artists she proceeded to focus attention on their precursors in Dada and Surrealism, accumulating over the next 25 years, often through the Mayor Gallery, an outstanding collection of work by artists such as Bellmer, Breton, Dali, Delvaux, Duchamp, Ernst, Giacometti, Magritte, Miro, Picabia, Man Ray and Tanguy. Not until the collection was exhibited (anonymously) in 1988 was its unique richness in Surrealist literature and artists' books - so essential to an understanding of the movement fully appreciated. She also bought fine examples of the early Surrealistinfluenced work of Francis Bacon and Lucian Freud and did not neglect the work of younger artists.

In the 1970s Gabrielle Keiller undertook a number of public roles. the most important of which was her membership (1978-85) of the Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art's advisory committee, where her knowledge and incisive judgment were highly valued, especially in matters of acquisition. In 1976 she became one of the first volunteer guides at the Tate Gallery. Her lectures were always meticulously researched and stylishly delivered, and she built up a loyal following among members of the public.

The threat of an extensive housing

development overlooking her garden at Telegraph Cottage, combined with a major fire in 1986 in which miraculously few works were destroyed, persuaded Gabrielle Keiller reluctantly to sell up and move into central London. Although she happily assisted in the cataloguing of her collection and derived great pleasure from seeing it exhibited in the Edin-burgh Festival in 1988, which coincided with her 80th birthday, the fire and subsequent upheaval inevitably affected her health. She spent the last three years in a nursing home near Bath, with Andy Warhol's portrait of her beloved dachshund Maurice for

company. Gabrielle Keiller was a woman of striking good looks and a tall, erect bearing; at the height of her golfing career she was described in the press as "one of the longest drivers in the country". In whatever she did -sport, gardening, photography, lecturing, collecting, entertaining - she was a perfectionist. And yet she was intensely modest about her achievements, with a gift for making one feel the only person that counted. She will be remembered by her many friends for her enthusiasm, courtesy and sense of fun; and by the nation for her selfless acts of public benefaction. During her lifetime she gave works of 20th-century art to the Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art, the Tate Gallery and the Hunterian Art Gallery in Glasgow. The substantial remainder of her collection she bequeathed to the Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art.

She is survived by a son of her first marriage.

territories, vainly trying to sell the project to black African

opinion, and returned talking

darkly of "intimidation". He

Privy Council in 1954.

was sworn a member of the

Once he lost office, Hopkinson tended increasingly to

emerge in his true reactionary

colours. In the Upper House

he joined enthusiastically in

Lord Salisbury's criticisms of

Iain Macleod's decolonising

policies and he later became

an ardent champion of the An-

glo-Rhodesian Society which

supported Ian Smith and call-

ed for the abandonment of

sanctions against the Rhodes-

ia of UDI. In the last decade of

his life he even suffered the in-

dignity of being exposed,

through corporate bankruptcy

proceedings, as having been

involved in a research institute

that served as a "front" organ-

isation for P. W. Botha's South

Colyton's business interests

ran very much in parallel with

his political ones. From 1960 to

1965 he was chairman of the

joint East and Central African

Board, a body concerned with

economic development in the

region. He was also until 1972

chairman of Tanganyika Con-

cessions, a company which

had extensive interests in East

Colyton was twice married.

African Government.

ALFRED GEIRINGER



Alfred Geiringer, former head of Reuters business information services, died on January 5 aged 84. He was born in Vienna on May 9, 1911.

ALFRED GEIRINGER laid the foundations for the growth of Reuters into the world's largest electronic publisher. In 1952 he was made head of Reuters business information services. He saw immediately that if Reuters were to exploit the potential of this field, in which he passionately believed, he had to recruit and train a new generation of voung men and women graduates as specialist journalists and managers. Reuters had started recruiting graduates as trainee foreign correspondents for its general news service in 1947 through the Cambridge University Appointments Board. But none of these was recruited to business information.

Staff who worked for the services for businessmen, known by a multitude of names, including Comtelburo. Comtel-Reuter, Reuters Economic Services, were the poor relations of the company, generally looked down upon by the general news journalists.

Geiringer's style was maverick. University appointments boards were not for him. He hired people who dropped in to the building at 85 Fleet Street, asking the front hall porter if there were any jobs going. In this category came Glen Renfrew, later managing director. Or he hired people recommended by friends in other news organisations. In this category came Michael Nelson, later general manager.

Geiringer put the recruits to work on the business news desks in London for a couple of years, at first as clerks tabulating market quotations and then as sub-editors. In most cases he then sent them abroad to run small offices. where they combined the jobs of journalism, selling and managing. When financial and commodity markets opened up in the 1960s and computers started to appear in financial institutions. Reuters alone of the international news agencies - had staff who

could see the opportunities and who had the know-how to go ahead and exploit them. And the staff had, with great foresight, been recruited and trained by Geiringer a decade earlier. Geiringer was born in Vien-

na and ioined Reuters as assistant to the chief correspondent in that city in 1937. The Reuters Vienna office had incurred the wrath of Hitler and when the Nazis marched into Austria in March 1938 the young native-born journalist faced certain imprisonment because of his views. He escaped to London that same month.

He had a brief spell with Reuters in London in 1939-10 and then joined again in 1942. In 1945 he became European editor and in 1948 assistant European manager. He participated in the re-establishment of Reuters in Europe after the war. In 1939 he had married

Margaret Layton, the daughter of Sir Walter Layton, a former Editor of The Economist and then chairman of the News Chronicle. In 1952 Layton, by then a director of Reuters, talked to Sir Christopher Chancellor, the general manager of Reuters, about his son-in-law's career. Soon afterwards he got the job which was to prove of such impor-

tance to Reuters. Geiringer, who had experienced the slump of the 1930s, believed that voters in Europe would never again let governments allow speculation in commodities and financial instruments. The sale of information about these instruments had been an important source of revenue to Reuters before the war. Geiringer believed that Reuters therefore had to develop new services on industrial news as a substitute source of revenue. His efforts in this direction were not very successful, but the excitement he engendered for his projects gave a new lease of life to his staff and made them hold their heads high in their encounters with their privileged brethren in general news journalism.

Dale Carnegie would have been proud of him. The power of positive thinking dominated his life. The best example was in the late 1950s when Reuters wrongly reported the BP dividend. The three London evening newspapers had banner headlines reflecting the error Reuters had made. Chaos ensued on the London Stock Exchange, with millions of pounds lost and gained. The next morning Geiringer summoned his senior executives to a meeting. All awaited the rolling of heads of those responsible for the terrible

But Geiringer conducted no inquest. All he said was: "If the financial community depends so much on the Reuter service that it can gain and lose millions on the basis of one Reuter error, we are clearly not charging enough. All subscriptions to the City Ticker will be increased by a third." They were increased, no subscribers cancelled and the additional revenue went straight through to Reuters bottom line.

But Geiringer was on a collision course with Walton Cole, the editor of Reuters, soon to succeed Chancellor as general manager, who saw him as a rival. He left Reuters

on April 30, 1958. He then founded Universal News Service (UNS), which supplied business news to the media by teleprinter against payment to UNS by the companies originating it. It was a nublic relations newswire, although Geiringer thought of it as an industrial news agency. He sold it to the Press Association in 1986.

Geiringer's first wife, by whom he had four daughters, died in 1962. He married Wendy Dunning in 1982. He is survived by his second wife and three of his daughters.

LORD COLYTON

ber of the Dundee marmalade fam-

ily, to whom she was devoted. Before

the war Keiller had purchased,

excavated and restored the neolithic

henge monument at Avebury, before

ensuring its passage into public ownership in 1942. His eclectic

interests and eye for the bizarre

probably helped to shape Gabrielle's

own unconventional taste. Together

they amassed a large collection of

pottery and silver cow creamers

which they donated to the museum at

After Keiller sold his home, Ave-

bury Manor, the couple bought, in

1953. Telegraph Cottage on Kingston

Hill which had been one of the the

wartime residences of General Eisen-

hower and which had previously

been on the semaphore route from

the Admiralty to Portsmouth. Here

Gabrielle Keiller created and main-

tained personally a magical wood-

land garden, with rhododendrons,

herbaceous borders, roses and water.

Stoke-on-Trent.

Lord Colyton, PC, CMG. as Henry Hopkinson Conservative MP for Taunton, 1950-56, and Minister of State for Colonial Affairs, 1952-55, died in Monte Carlo on January 6 aged 94. He was born on January 3.

... IT HAS always been the fate of a few politicians - Baldwin with "sealed lips". Asquith with "wait and see" - to be associated with a single phrase. It was the misfortune of Lord Colyton to be remembered as the man who said that Cyprus would never gain independence". In fact. from the dispatch box in the Commons, Henry Hopkinson did not use precisely those words. But the message he delivered in the course of a debate in 1954 amounted to very much the same thing -

and he went down in Com-mons folklore as "Never" Hopkinson.

His disregard of the golden rule that politicians should avoid being totally definitive about any prediction probably cost him his ministerial career. Although he had served briefly as Secretary for Overseas Trade and then as a Minister of State under two successive Colonial Secretaries, when Anthony Eden reshuffled his Government in December 1955 he found no place in it for Hopkinson. Although offered a choice of two representational posts within the Commonwealth, he preferred to return to the back benches before being raised to the pecrage as Lord Colyton in

Henry Lennox D'Aubigné Hopkinson was the son of Sir Henry Hopkinson, Almoner of St Batholomew's Hospital

and Treasurer of the Royal Albert Hall. Brought up outside Cirencester in Gloucestershire, he was educated at Eton, where he won the Royal Humane Society's award for saving an airman from drowning in the Thames, and at Trinity College, Cambridge, where he read, appropriately for a prospective diplomat. modern languages. He entered the Foreign Service in 1924, holding appointments in Washington, Stockholm and Cairo before becoming in 1932 assistant private secretary to Sir John Simon, then Foreign

Secretary. In 1939, too old at 37 for active service, Hopkinson ioined the War Cabinet Secretariat, later becoming private secretary to the Permanent Under-Secretary at the For-eign Office, Sir Alexander Cadogan. From that post he was transferred in 1941 to be

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counsellor and political adviser to the Minister of State in the Middle East, Oliver Lyttelton (whom he was later to serve under at the Colonial Office). After two years in Cairo, he was promoted to be Minister Plenipotentiary in

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Lisbon. From 1944 to 1946 he was Deputy High Commissioner in Italy with the rank of Minister. He was appointed CMG in 1944.

At the early age of 44 Hopkinson decided to retire from the Diplomatic Service. The truth was that his mind was already fixed on politics, and he was fortunate to obtain a berth almost immediately as head of the Conservative Parliamentary Secretariat, the body that serviced the Shadow Cabinet - in those days a much looser institution than it is today. In addition, he served as joint director of the Conservative Research Department, an arrangement that worked less than well. Rab Butler, the department's chairman, much preferred to work through the other joint director responsible for policy. David Clarke (a genuine intellectual) - and it was a matter of some relief all round when in 1950 Hopkinson won the seat of Taunton from Labour in that year's general election.

As befitted someone of his political and diplomatic experience. Hookinson found himself immediately appointed to Churchill's Government when it was formed in the autumn of 1951. Improbably, he was placed as number two at the Board of Trade under Peter Thorneycroft but he stayed there for only six months before being moved to the Colonial Office in May 1952. There he rejoined his old wartime colleague Oliver Lyttelton (his second Secretary of State was Alan Lennox-Boyd).

Like theirs, Hopkinson's political stance was on the right wing of the party and one of the causes he took up with enthusiasm was the pronosed Central African Federation - a means, though no one admitted it at the time, of perpetuating white rule not only in Southern Rhodesia but in Northern Rhodesia and Nyasaland as well. In late 1953 he went on a tour of the three

and Central Africa. He in addition played a full part in the Anglo-Portuguese Society. seeing nothing to criticise in that country even when it was under the rule of Dr Salazar, by whom he was awarded the Grand Cross of the Order of Prince Henry the Navigator.

His first wife was Alice Labouisse Eno. the daughter of an American academic. She died of an overdose in 1953. He married secondly in 1956 another American, Barbara Addams, the former wife of the New Yorker cartoonist Charles Addams. His only son, from his first marriage, predeceased him and the barony passes to his grandson Alisdair Hopkinson.

THE EVE OF PEACE.

TO-DAY'S CEREMONY IN PARIS. To-morrow's exchange of ratifications will mark the opening of a new era and diplomatic relations will be resumed with Germany. Up to the present practically all communications between the Allies and Germany have been made through Marshal Foch or some other military leader. Tomorrow, also, will bring us nearer to the birthday of the League of Nations. According to the Treaty the first meeting of the League is to be convoked by President Wilson within 15 days after the exchange of ratifications. The fact that America has not ratified the Treaty, and is therefore not a member of the League, will not prevent President Wilson, as head of a State outside the League, from summoning it to meet in Paris next week . . The proceedings will be more in the nature of a board meeting than they will resemble the birth of a great new idea. There is a desire to have a modest meeting with as little oratory as possible, and trust to developments within a

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Months of discussion about peace terms described in The Times as a Soviet of statesmen in Paris trying to govern Europe and to evolve some faint economic order out war chaos", were coming to an end, to be resumed by diplomats.

year or two. To-day's meeting, which was preceded by a private conversation of an hour's duration between Mr. Lloyd George and M. Clemenceau, was attended by Mr. Lloyd George, Mr. Bonar Law, Earl Curzon, Signor Nitti. Signor Scialoja, Mr. Wallace, American Ambassador in Paris, M. Matsui, Japanese Ambassador, M. Dutasta and others. The first matter discussed to-day was to-morrow's ceremony. It was decided that first of all the delegates of the five chief Allied and Associated

Herr von Simson, the German plenipotentiaries, and sign the protocol drawn up on November I, which puts an end to the Armistice period. After the signature of this document, M. Clemenceau will hand to the head of the German delegation a letter with regard to the handing over of the shipping material. the terms of which were confirmed at this morning's meeting. Then in the neighbouring Salle de l'Horloge will be held the last meeting of the Peace Conference, which will be attended by representatives of all the Powers which have ratified the Treaty, all of whom will sign the proces-verbal. When this ceremony has been concluded a state of peace will once more exist between the Allies and Germany. The Allied delegates will give the handshake of peace to the representatives of their old enemies. and the German delegates will leave the Foreign Office to resume the occupation of the German Embassy in the Rue de

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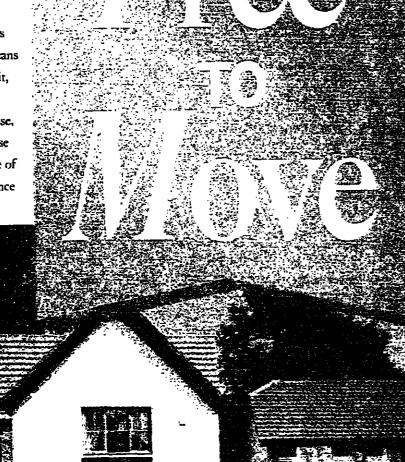
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A lockout is a legally binding agreement between buyer and seller. For a period of usually two weeks, a seller promises not to negotiate with anyone else once a sale has been agreed.

The law now sanctions and

guarantees such agreements. The Court of Appeal ruled in 1993 that a seller who breaks a lockout agreement is liable for breach of contract. It found in favour of Timothy Pitt, a broker who had entered into a written "lockout" with PHH Asset management, a Swindon-based firm which was acting as agent for a £200,000 Suffolk cottage.

The agreement was that PHH should accept no other offers provided Mr Pitt exchanged contracts within 14 days after the receipt of draft contracts. But before the two weeks were up, the firm said it was accepting a higher offer unless Mr Pitt wished to match it. He declined.

Since he had spent money on arranging bridging loans and plans for an extension, and had advertised his own home for sale in the press, Mr Pitt sued for damages and won PHH then lodged an appeal. The court rejected it, ruling that the agreement was a valid contract binding on both parties. Since this had been broken by PHH, it was

liable to pay compensation. Such agreements have since become increasingly common as buyers know that time and money spent on surveys and legal fees is not wasted, says Lucy Meinertzhagen of the London agents Aylesford. Up to two thirds of all buyers are now said to insist on them. Estate agents themselves would not consider buying without a lockout, as the case of Justin Summer of Savills ilPre-contract agreements between buyer and seller are now binding in law. They can save money and safeguard a sale. Rachel Kelly reports



JUSTIN SUMNER (above, outside his new property), an estate agent with Savills, has himself used the lock-out. "I bought my flat in Kensington during April 1994 for £115,000 for the 39-year lease," he says. "I was ready to move quickly as I had already sold my house, and I had finance and solicitors standing by. I offered the full asking price, and I was worried that this might be used

- Such agreements are also

popular with sellers, says Tim

Wright of Savills, because

negotiations are concentrated

into two weeks. "If a sale is

lost, then the chances of find-

ing another buyer have not

Hugh Dunsmore-Hardy.

chief executive of the National

Association of Estate Agents,

welcomes the spread of lock-

been dramatically eroded."

against me the seller might get a better bid from another buyer simply by allowing the second buyer to take confidence from the fact that I wanted to

buy the flat.
"It's amazing how often I see this happen. Very often the second buyer is only making a spoiling bid. In theory, this allows them to clear the way of any competition and then start to haggle on

Otherwise someone else can

the efficacy of lockouts. Peter

Rollings, from the London

agents Foxtons, says that nei-ther party is obliged to ex-

change contracts at the end of

Lockouts depend on a weak market, says George Pope of John D. Wood. Once sellers

from under your feet."

the agreement.

price afterwards. Various excuses are found. The only way to safeguard against this was a lock-out. I asked my solicitor to negotiate a fixed period of time in which the legal documents could be prepared in my case ten days. At the end of the period I was required to exchange, which I did. This was relatively easy to organise as there is a standard agreement between

begin to call the tune and no buying system in this country. longer feel under pressure to step in and whip a property sell, they may abandon lockouts, feeling they will loose But there are limitations to other potential buyers.

How can sellers be sure that the buyer is serious? And may not the buyer renegotiate or "gazunder" (offer less) closer to the time when contracts are due to exchange? Mr Pope also cautions that those most in favour of lockout agreements may be estate agents them-

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is trying to sell a house, then a lockout with one buyer, through one agent, will guar-antee their fees though it may not be in the best interests of the seller - despite the recent Estate Agents Act which requires that every offer is submitted to the vendor, and that the estate agent by law must try and achieve the highest price for his client.

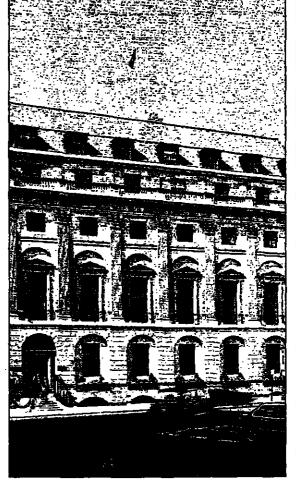
Mr Pope concludes that lockouts are not the answer Instead, he suggests faster service from solicitors. A seller's solicitor should prepare the contract, answers to preliminary inquiries, the title deeds and a local authority search in advance of convey-ancing. If lockouts are used, then he suggests that the period of exclusivity should be as short as seven days.

ome of the problems outlined by Mr Pope may be mitigated by well-drafted agree ments. These could, for example, include a duty from the buyer to tell the seller if he decides not to continue during the determined period, at which point the agreement would become void.

Here are three essentials: do always get your agreement in writing; do arrange for the contract to start from receipt of documentation. It could take five days to have it drawn up and signed, which wastes valuable time; do press your solicitor for action to have everything ready to exchange by the time the contract runs

But others point out that the lockout method has so improved the process of buying and selling that homeowners have become attached to it. All European Union countries, apart from England, have conditional contracts under which buyer and seller would agree on a price for the property once the buyer's offer was accepted.

European legislation harmonising property law could be the ultimate future and the permanent end of gazumping. Finally, buying and selling a house need no longer be the "depressing and frustrating experience" described by Sir Thomas Bingham in the 1993



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THE drinks company Grand Metropolitan is looking for a tenant for one of Robert Adam's finest London town houses

at No 20 St James's Square, Rachel Kelly writes.

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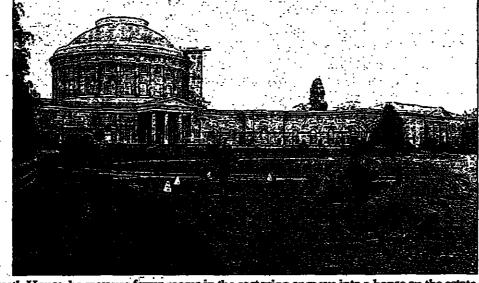
courtyard, which incorporates the first recorded use of stucco work in London. The house was a family home until the 1920s, its last residents being the Earl and Countess of Strathmore, whose daughter Elizabeth, now Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, was to marry the Duke of

York, later King George VI.
In 1935, the Distillers Company acquired both Nos 20 and 21 St James's Square. The transformation of No 20 into offices for the 1990s was completed in April 1991 when Grand Metropolitan acquired the building.

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Ownership of a great house can often lead to costly dilemmas





out agreements and their effect

on reducing gazumping, but

says that lockouts are particu-

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dependent on other sales

going through before they can

Keith Richards, of the Con-

sumers' Association, says: "They take away one of the big

uncertainties about the house

Lord Bristol, left, and Ickworth House: he may use fewer rooms in the east wing or move into a house on the estate

Two cautionary tales have emerged from the world of historic houses and their aristocratic owners. The first comes from Suffolk, where the self-confessed drug addict the Marquess of Bristol is considering moving out of the 60-room east wing of his family's stately home, ickworth, because of the expense.

Meanwhile in Staffordshire, Sir Charles Wolseley is selling Park House, near Rugeley which has been in his family for more than 1,000 years, after the collapse of his garden and leisure centre.

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Lord Bristol, 41, has been abroad for the past month deciding his plans. Among the options he is considering is moving out of Ickworth to a house on the Suffolk estate or moving into a smaller section. of the historic home. The National Trust, which owns lckworth, said discussions were continuing.

The Harrow-educated mar-nuess, a registered drug ad-lict, has had a series of police incounters in recent years. He nherited a £35 million fortune m his 21st birthday, but last rear was forced to sell the emains of his family's huge state. The family once owned 0,000 acress of land in Sufolk, Lincolnshire and Essex. Simon Pott, his agent, said ord Bristol was at present in

ne Bahamas but he did not elieve he was planning to nove abroad permanently. ickworth is expensive, but e doesn't necessarily have to ve in the whole of the east ing. He is not hard-up as you nd I would mean it - he has ssets of many millions of ounds. However, Ickworth is oviously a very expensive

ace to run." The National Trust at one me tried to evict Lord Bristol

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from Ickworth. Only a handful of staff members live on the property, looking after Lord Bristol and taking care of his collection of vintage cars. Sir Charles's story is very

different. His house is not of the calibre to be owned by the National Trust, and he is selling his 1,300-acre ancestral home, for an estimated £7 million, to pay off debts incurred by his leisure business, which he had planned to develop into a leading tourist attraction. Joint agents for the sale are the Birmingham office of Grimley and the Stafford of-

fice of John German. The 40-acre Wolseley Garden Park was opened to the public at a cost of £1.73 million in 1990 but it only took

between £26,000 and £30,000 of receipts in its first year. At the time, Sir Charles blamed the recession and high interest rates for the £4.6 million debts that built up. The scheme was the idea of Sir Charles and his wife Jeannie and consisted of nine gardens, a four-acre lake and a

centrepiece of roses.

owed money since the failure of the venture. Last year Sir Charles, 51, said court actions were continuing to recover the debts but he was still hoping to save the family home. The estate was given to Sir Charles's ancestors in 975, reputedly as a reward for having driven wolves out of Staffordshire. William Proby,

More than 100 creditors are



Sir Charles and Lady Wolseley: have to sell their home

chairman of the Historic Houses Association, says the two cases illustrate the lack of any agreed, long-term government policy towards historic houses and their owners.

"Time and again, we see crisis management at work," he says. "Something happens, and an owner is forced to sell or move out. This is costing us dear. We need to reaffirm the position of the private owner. There is confusion about whether the Government supparts them or not."

r Proby says that until such confusion Lis resolved, and a tax and grant framework estrouble, historic houses will be sold and owners forced to leave. Improvements are zero-rated for VAT, but repairs are taxed at the full 17.5 per cent. "It is a shame," he adds, "because part of the concept of these houses was to have the original families in them."

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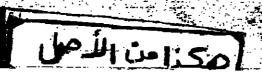
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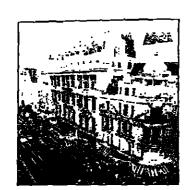
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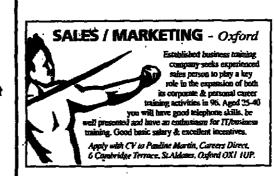
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Fact or fiction: it was speculated that the Bulger killers may have watched Child's Play 3, but children found the TV coverage more disturbing

Child's-eye view of horror

fects of television on children are a recurrent theme of public debate. Yet it is an area in which children's voices are rarely heard. Too often parental and governmental anxiety has focused on the impact screen violence may have on young viewers' behaviour with little attention paid to children's own emotional responses to the moving image.

David Buckingham, a lecturer in media studies at the University of London's Institute of Education, believes a more useful approach to understanding the role of television in children's lives is to ask children about their own responses to horror films, "weepies", soap operas and news bulletins and to discuss with them how they make sense of what they see. Mr Buckingham, a father of two boys aged five and nine, also believes it is important to understand how parents help or hinder their children's understanding of television.

In an attempt to throw new light on the issue. Mr Buckingham interviewed 72 children aged six to 15 about their television viewing. The result is a refreshing book, Moving dren's Emotional Responses to Television*, which is recommended reading for all media

The children displayed a sophisticated understanding of many of the conventions of

A new study suggests that children are not fooled by video nasties, says Alexandra Frean

television. Even the very younthe media coverage of the gest subjects knew that the families in The Cosby Show or Roseanne are not "real" and were able to recognise that programmes obeyed certain rules whereby things are played for laughs or conflicts are easily resolved. Yet their Child's Play, the children reinterpretation of how realistic peatedly related the events to such programmes are also their own experience. Many depended how they compared argued, nevertheless, that it with their own family lives. was important for the Bulger "A key factor to emerge was

the way they reacted differently to fact and fiction," Mr Buckingham says. So much of the debate about television, particularly about the possible imitative effects of screen violence, focuses on fiction, such as horror films and thrillers. Mr Buckingham discovered. however, that news and documentaries often produced more profound reactions.

As part of the study he interviewed children who had seen Child's Play 3, the "video nasty" which some newspapers speculated may have influenced the child killers of James Bulger in 1993.

Many of the children who watched the 18-rated film appeared to be seasoned horror film viewers who found it "scary" in parts but also enjoyable. Much of their pleasure appeared to come from its jokey attitude to death. The children's reaction to

Bulger case was quite different. Many said the press and television reports of the case had upset them a great deal; a number said they had cried or had been unable to sleep. In contrast to their view of

kids to deal with the modern

Parents also need education.

he adds. Schools encourage

parents to help their children

to read at home, Mr Bucking-ham says, and they should

take similar steps to get par-

ents to take part in their

children's television viewing.

"It is accepted that parents

will sit down and read books

with their children, not just to

help them to read, but to talk

to them about the stories and

about life in general. Similar

things could be achieved with

television, if only it was given

"There is a lot of cultural

snobbery about television. Too

often it is treated as a reward.

a way of keeping kids quiet or as a focus of family battles

over what programmes child-ren should be allowed to

watch," Mr Buckingham says.

their parents," he says.

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world," he says.

coverage to be shown, not least Mr Buckingham believes these responses raise important issues that media commentators have virtually ignored. If there are questions

to be asked about screen violence, perhaps the starting point should be to what extent does news coverage enable children to understand what they are seeing. "Often we see decontextualised images of suffering in the news and it is questionable how far children can understand what they are seeing," he says.

One way of helping children to interpret what they see on television would be to integrate it into their education. Media studies could be part of English lessons. English is the subject in schools that is most concerned with culture, but to narrow culture down to books is unrealistic. To pretend that television is not part

bodies, such as the Broadcasting Standards Council and the British Board of Film Classification, could take a lead by producing source material. of our culture is not to equip

The explosion of multi-channel television and of new information technology such as video-on-demand and the Internet, will render the current system of censorship through broadcasting regulation and film and video classification totally unworkable. Eventually there will simply be too much material hitting our screens for the regulators to monitor effectively.

Improving parents' and children's ability to interpret what they see and to cope with their own emotions about it. will help to empower them to make informed decisions about television on their own behalf. Ultimately, it could be our best hope of enjoying, and retaining some control over. the multi-channel future.

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We are our own worst censors

wondered why I saw so few babies when I was in China in October. Last night's Return to the Dying Rooms on Channel 4 helped

to explain. The Chinese will undoubtedly be surprised at the bad press they have received for their public relations exercise in rebuttal — a tour of the Shanghai orphanage in question to show foreign journalists how happy, clean and well-treated the wails there are - and, by logical extension, at all the other institutions for unwanted children throughout their vast country.

The Chinese must also be surprised that the British Foreign Office let the programme go out on the very day that Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, arrived in Peking. Surely Chan-nel 4 might have been nudged into delaying it a week? The media are under better control in China.

But are our own dear authorities any less reluctant to doctor the truth in the national interest? Last week. also on Channel 4, Guardian iournalist Maggie O'Kane suggested that the British and American military were so adept at censorship during the Gulf War that the journalists covering it were "harnessed like 2.000 beach donkeys and led through the sand to see what the British and US military wanted us to see in this nice clean war".

Her programme, Riding the Storm, upset me. Was it the subtitle, "How to tell lies and win wars", which made it sound as if O'Kane were reporting a great and original discovery — that in war. truth is the first casualty? Or was it her suggestion that the iournalists in the Gulf had neither the wit nor the inclination to see through the official line and that we, the viewing public, were duped into believing that the war was a bloodless video game of smart bombs neatly disappearing down empty airshafts'

No. I think what really offended me was the assumption that this kind of suppression of information is confined to war. "War is fought in our name." she declared, "and no general or politician has the right to stop us knowing the truth." How very true, but not only on the battlefront. In our name, to give just one example, pregnant women prison-ers have been handcuffed during labour. Thanks only

to a smuggled ITN camera was the truth exposed. In her programme, O'Kane produced some disturbing evidence that veterans of the Gulf War are suffering from a variety of severe illnesses caused by chemical weapons. It took four years of battling, she declared, to get the relevant medical evidence logged by the US Defence Department released under the Freedom

of Information Act. Only four years? She would have to battle a lot



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longer to get comparable data out of Whitehall, Rather than labouring the obvious that people in power, the military especially, are very reluctant to say what they do with it - she would have done better to campaign against Britain's niggardly release of official information

of all kinds. According to the Campaign for Freedom of Information, even on matters as mundane as transport it will take the British citizen days to identify and weeks to collect - at prohibitive expense - information which in America can be obtained in hours for a pittance. (A demand for the public to have the right to know what goes on in all government agencies and quangos will be launched next Wednesday by the Campaign, the Guild of Editors, Article 19 and Liberty).

Censorship should be deplored, but in all its forms. Where were the pictures?" O'Kane asked reprovingly, diers who had seen their comrades buried alive by Allied tanks and burnt with napalm. "On the cutting-room floor" is the answer.

Nothing to do with official secrecy here. Britain's cele-brated television "standards" do not favour pictures of mutilated body parts and bloated corpses. True, we are not shown the human conseguences of war. But neither are we shown the human consequences of traffic accidents, in the widely- accepted interests of good taste.

And censorship is more widespread than that. We are all censors, a practice which sounds nicer if you call it editing. Any version of events is a matter of selection. We say some of what we know: the rest we hold back in the interests of brevity, clarity or discretion.

Journalists above all know this. All practise self-censorship. When in Peking, I heard of aborted human foetuses being sold for soup. I believed it, the Chinese not being conspicuous wasters of protein.

But I could not check chapter and verse and the story seemed too sensational and irrelevant: I write about media, don't 1? I have

reproached myself ever since. So where does the scorn so liberally heaped by O'Kane in her programme belong? Not on war journalists for lacking courage. Nor on generals who do not spell out in

advance their list of targets. It belongs, rather, on all those who take the easy way out. Self-censors such as myself who ignore a story because it is too much trouble. Journalists who huddle together and agree what the story is before writing it. The public for shunning ugly reality on their screens and not pressing harder for official information.

One place beyond reproach is the Foreign Office. You know we would never do that," said its spokesman this week, when I asked whether it had tried to persuade Channel 4 to delay its embarrassing programme until after the Rifkind visit. And I do know that. The BBC's own unpopularity in China is proof enough.

Bidding Auntie farewell

Marmaduke Hussey looks back over ten years as BBC chairman

n 1986 serious questions were being asked about the future of the BBC and the retention of its licence fee for the first time in its history. Major and public schisms emerging between the Governors and the management were apparent. Public confidence in the quality of our programmes was rattled by a series of setbacks, some of them in the courts. The atmosphere in the BBC itself reflected this. I found an organ-isation apprehensive, puzzled, hurt by public criticism, strangely isolated from the real world, but still held together by a rich vein of dedicated talent.

In my first week I decided that the BBC would have to light very hard to preserve its privileged position, so my long-term objective could only be to deliver a BBC worthy to secure the new Charter without losing its main services and with continued public lunding That has been the ingle and sole motivation behind the policies that the governors have initiated and ollowed, and the appointnents they have made.

In 1996 the position looks otally different. The position of the governors has been lassified and codified; they neel with management as pint boards to discuss major sues of policy and strategy: todern methods of manage nent have been introduced ot only in this country but troughout the world.

Major investments have een made in news and docu-



Corporation men: John Birt. left, Director-General, and Marmaduke Hussey

mentary programmes; dra-mas such as Pride and Prejudice demonstrate that the BBC remains the world's top provider of quality programmes. Our role as a standard-setter. with emphasis on quality and choice, is now accepted as a justification for the privilege of a universal licence fee.

The World Service, always one of our great strengths, is regarded as the world's leading international broadcaster, Recently we have started Worldwide Television and aim to be a major force in world broadcasting. In sharp contrast to the rest of the television industry, the BBC is now a net exporter for Britain. The Charter that now lies

fore Parliament confirms this new confidence, with our services and funding unchanged. It has not been an easy road and the changes urged on the management by

the governors have been effected by two able Directors-General, Michael Checkland and John Birt, and their boards of management. I come from a generation that believes the BBC is one of

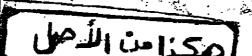
the most important and responsible threads in the tapes-try of our national life. We looked to the BBC always for high standards. It was, of course, a monopoly. When I joined from outside in 1986 it was apparent to me, though not to the BBC itself, that the increasing power of radio, television, satellite and cable posed huge threats to an organisation which is not just an important purveyor of programmes but is a major national and international asset. It is also the greatest cultural organisation in the world, not just in the United

it has been a privilege to be

one of many people helping to secure the future of this worldclass institution. I believed fervently in the BBC and its qualities before I joined, and I believe as fervently in them today. But fresh challenges await, primarily to carve out a place in the new broadcasting scene and particularly to maintain and inspire the confidence and enthusiasm of a dedicated, brilliant staff, for whom I have the greatest admiration and affection. They, after all, are the BBC.

New challenges need new leaders and in February 1994 I told the Prime Minister that I would wish to retire when the Charter was agreed, and confirmed this decision with him in June 1995. So I leave the BBC in sound health with many happy memories, many friends, and waves of goodwill to the Corporation and its talented new chairman.





NEWS

Thatcher warns against lurch to left

Baroness Thatcher will tomorrow enter the battle over the Conservative Party's future with a warning that it cannot win by "lurching to the left".

In her Keith Joseph Memorial Lecture she will risk fuelling the party's internal feuding by declaring that Tories have not been as true to their principles as they might have been in the Pages 1, 2 past few years ...

Rebel holds 2,000 hostage in hospital

■ A Chechen fighter calling himself the "Lone Wolf" held about 2,000 people inside a hospital in the North Caucasian town of Kizlyar. A group led by Salman Raduyev, the son-inlaw of the rebel president, shot two hostages and threatened to kill them all if Moscow did not pull out its troops. After dark shooting was heard on the streets near the hospital Page I

New BBC chairman

Sir Christopher Bland, the Tory millionaire and former chairman of London Weekend Television, was named as the BBC's new chairman. He will replace Marmaduke Hussey, 72......Page 1 Sotheby inquiry

Sotheby's is carrying out an investigation into the £105,000 sale of a Baroque casket after a number of experts expressed concern that it was a fake . Pop art

A mysterious bout of nostalgia for fading pop icons has gripped a hamlet and transformed it into a place of pilgrimagePage 3

Gold smuggling case A policewoman allegedly told her

boyfriend that she was part of a £20 million gold smuggling operation, a court heard. She was also said to have described a trip to Belgium as providing a change from tedious routine"...... Page 3

Protest victory

Preparation work for the Newbury bypass was abandoned for the day after protesters blockaded 400 security guards into their

£100,000 a year men More than 250 consultants have broken through the £100,000-ayear pay barrier in the NHS. who have been awarded the top

Alzheimer study

Smoking and drinking may has-

Roy Hattersley called on Labour to immediately ditch its policy of all women shortlists following Monday's judgment that the scheme was illegal ...

Main street rocket

Bosnian Serb gunners opened fire on Sarajevo striking at a tram with a rocket propelled grenade, killing one man, as it sped along the main avenue...... Page 9

Orphan row

The Channel 4 documentary alleging abuse of Chinese orphans will not adversely affect Sino-British relations, Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, said in Peking..

Terrorist manhunt

Police in the Philippines have launched a manhunt for five Muslim terrorists for plotting to kill diplomats, including the British AmbassadorPage 10

White House anger The White House lashed out at

both a leading conservative columnist who had labelled Hillary They are leaders in their fields Clinton a congenital liar and at the First Lady's chief Republican A-plus merit awardPage 6 scourge...

ten the onset of Alzheimer's disease in some patients. But taking more than three drinks a day may delay onset in people who have a family history of it Page 7

Policy condemned

Forte: The City believes that Granada's fresh offer for Forte, which adds a 47p a share special dividend, gives it a reasonable chance

> Barings: Officials from the Serious Fraud Office may visit Singapore again after being offered access to vital papers relating to the collapse of Barings FuturesPage 25

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to \$1.5457 and from DM2.2324 to

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Football: Roger Stanislaus, of Leyton Orient, became the first English player to test positive for a performance enhancing drug after

Rugby union: Wales selected five newcomers - the youngest, Leigh Davies, 19 - for the match against

Tennis: Tim Henman and Greg Rusedski gave British tennis a fillip in the build-up to the Australian Open with unexpected first-round victories at a tournament inPage 45

Olympic Games: Proposals are under discussion to stage the Games of 2008 in Hyde Park. London, or in Dublin. The former is the more serious and realistic

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Emma Nicholson with some her new Liberal Democrat colleagues at the House of Commons yesterday. From left: Robert Maclennan, party president; Archy Kirkwood, chief whip; Menzies Campbell, the foreign affairs spokesman. Page 1

Garden in disarray: The Royal Opera House, about to be the subject of a "fly-on-the-wall" BBC documentary series, is fighting for its life, says Rodney Milnes ... Page 33 Mime time: London is preparing to welcome companies from around

the world for an international

mime festival..... Page 35 On stage: Favrite Nation, at the Lyric Hammersmith, uncovers the strange personal lives of the group that founded the National Trust; Damn Yankees, meanwhile, is a revival of a musical about

baseball. ...Page 33 Such a sad Lake: Uncharismatic principals hampered the English National Ballet's revival of Swan Lake at the Festival Hall this

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It is a bit of an image problem for Mr Branson. Up in the sky he's one of those magnificent men in their flying machines. Down on the ground, he's a sore loser, complaining about the rules - Evening Standard

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suade its bright young people to get married. Under the Sun (BBC2, 9.30pm). Review: Lynne Truss on the documentary that has angered the Chinese.....Page 47

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As the message of a party that wants to address the sense of social malaise that is so widely felt. Mr Biair's words about civic duty seem to be touching a chord Page 17 China's obligations

As a lawyer, Mr Rifkind is trained to make the best of tough cases. He

has stepped up the pressure, and Peking is finally starting to surrender some chips......Page 17 Don't spare the vinegar

If British Waterways really wants to persuade the British to eat zander and chips on Friday night, they

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School policy is now like a Kipling Just So story. Implausible causes lead to undeniable, but rather unpleasant, conclusions Page 16 JONATHAN MIRSKY

It is hard, after the decades of Communist rule in China, to say "this is the worst". But that is what one can say about the deaths of a thousands of infants under the lethal control of the Chinese State in its orphanages -PETER RIDDELL

It can be argued that Labour is saying that social cohesion promotes economic growth, while the Tories maintain that economic growth leads to social Page 8 cohesion

SIMON BARNES

What if Mozart had been an English footballer, a wunderkind, the master, at an impossibly young age, of all the nuances of his chosen medium? He would not have been selected until he had served a long apprenticeship...

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A fish called Zander under fire

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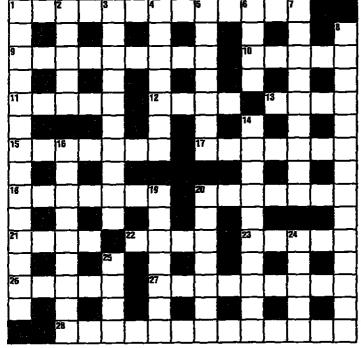
meet its match by being eaten with chips. Zander are

established in 100 miles of canals in the Midlands and are

poised to spread through the inland waterway network. British

Waterways wants to get rid of them because they wipe out

varieties that coarse anglers love to catch Page 7



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and central areas will remain largel

dry, with scattered showers expected mainly in the west. The southerly wind will be fairly brisk in the north 🗆 London, SE England, E Anglia Central S England, E Midlands, E England, W Midlands, Central N:

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Outlook: rain on Thursday with brighter, showery weather to follow on Friday.

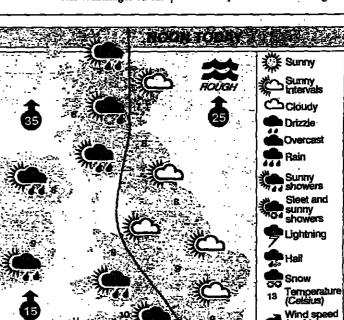
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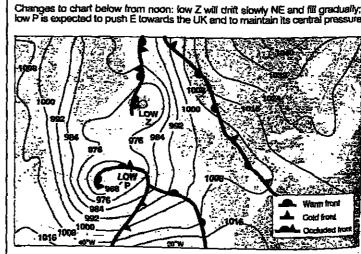
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BUSINESS EDITOR Lindsay Cook

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Granada hits back with £3.8bn bid

By Eric Reguly

GRANADA punched back esterday with a revised offer for Forte that the City predicts will give it a better than even chance of winning the hotels

and restaurants group. Granada's final offer values Forte at £3.8 billion, about £500 million more than its opening bid in November. The basic offer remains unchanged, but the company added a special cash dividend of 47p net per share that will come out of Forte's financial resources if the bid succeeds.

The new shares and cash offer, including the special dividend, yesterday valued each Forte share at 373.3p, rising to 385p for shareholders entitled to tax credits, against Forte's closing price on Mon-day of 344p. The all-cash alternative is 362p, a 12.5 per cent rise over its previous level

Granada, in a strategic reversal, also said it would self-forte's Meridien and Exclu-sive chains, which together have 103 hotels. Gerry Robinson, chief executive, said Granada values the two chains at about £1.7 billion and has received a "high level of interest" from potential buyers. He would not identify them.

Analysts stopped short of calling the bid a knock-out blow but gave it a good chance of success. Ron Littleboy, of Nomura, said: "It looks likely that they've got it. This makes things difficult for Forte."

Jason Crisp, of Strauss Turnbull Securities, said: "It's still a pretty close run thing, though I think the balance is in Granada's favour." Paribas was one of the few

investment firms that attached no advantage to either side, saying there was "so little to choose between the two valuations of Forte". It advised investors to opt for the strategy they considered least risky. Forte shares rose by only 7p

to 351p, suggesting investors think there is a possibility that Granada will not win. Granada closed at 637p, down 6p. Forte said the new offer did

not reflect the profit potential of the "new Forte", which, once it sold its roadside restaurants business, would be a pure hotels company, or the effects of the proposed £800

Granada argues that Forte's management record has been dismal in comparison with its own. Mr Robinson said Granada could boost Forte's annual profits by £100 million through such measures as absorbing Forte's legal and treasury operations, concentrating on fewer hotel brands and reducing the number of uppliers. A number of redundancies would be inevitable, but Mr Robinson said most come management

million share repurchase. Sir

Rocco Forte, chairman and

chief executive, said: "Now we see this bid for what it's worth

- a 1980s-style, highly lever-aged asset strip which has nothing to do with manage-

Forte estimates that Grana-

da, in the end, would unload

more than £2 billion worth of

Forte businesses. Granada had already said it would sell

Forte's 68 per cent stake in the Savoy Hotel group, some of the Heritage hotels and proba-

bly some of the trophy hotels,

among them the Hyde Park Hotel and Hotel Plaza

Over the next two weeks

Granada has until January 23

go declare its offer uncondi-

tional or withdraw - Forte

will tell its 40 main institution-

al investors that, although

taking Granada's cash may be

attractive, Forte presents a

viable, long-term growth play

in the hotels sector. Several

recent independent reports have concluded that the sector,

especially in the luxury end of the market, is poised for

strong growth.

Council of Forte, page 26 Pennington, page 27



Pamela Wilson, 29, a senior avionic systems engineer with British Aerospace's military aircraft division at Warton Aerodrome in Preston, Lancashire, was named young woman engineer of the year yesterday. She was a runner-up in 1992.

Analysts cut HoF forecasts again

By Sarah Bagnall

HOUSE OF FRASER, the department store group that includes Army & Navy and Dickens & Jones, yesterday suffered the ignominy of City analysts cutting their profit forecasts for the fourth time in less than two years.

In a repeat peformance of last year. HoF warned investors that pre-tax profits for the year to January 27 would be well below market estimates". The retailer blamed a less profitable sales mix, together with the need for markdowns. The news prompted ana-

lysts to cut their profit forecasts from about £25 million to £13 million-£15 million. This compares with a pre-tax profit of £28 million last time. House of Fraser shares slid 13p in early trading, but recovered to end 3p down at 163p.

The company said sales had been strong in the week immediately before Christmas, with a like-for-like advance of 8.5 per cent. In the first week of the January sales the increase was 4.9 per cent. However, the increases failed to make up for the lacklustre performance during the rest of the year and as a result, like-for-like sales in the first 22 weeks of the second

half rose just 2.3 per cent.

The amount of profit HoF made on each sale lell because of an increase in concession sales, which are lower-margin, and flat sales of its own bought products. There was also the added impact of lower sales of higher-margin lines, such as ladieswear and homeware, together with the

need to mark down stock. HoF said: "In the full year it is expected that the i.6 per cent reduction in gross profit margin will alone cost the group £12.5 million." Similar markdowns are not expected during 1996. The board intends to maintain the final dividend at

BUSINESS TODAY

Brent 15-day (Mar) \$18.30 (\$18.55)

London close \$394.45 (\$396.60) * denotes midday trading price

Power jobs

National Power yesterday added to the huge jobs rout in the electricity industry when the generator, which has cut its workforce by more than 11,000, to 5,000, since privatisation, said 400 more staff were to go. Since the electricity industry was sold into the private sector, more than 42,000 jobs have gone. Page 27, Tempus 28

Merger blocked

The Government yesterday blocked the planned merger of Belfast's two airports on the grounds that it would lead to higher airport charges and Tempus, page 28 | fares, Page 30

Car pay deals 'not inflation threat'

Charles Allen, left, and Gerry Robinson of Granada

By PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

FEARS for inflation from high pay settlements - especially by the Ford motor company expressed by Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England, are unlikely to be realised, an independent pay research group said yesterday. Viewing Ford's deal as a

pace-setting benchmark is out of date, Industrial Relations Services (IRS) said. Yesterday, the Transport and General Workers' Union announced it is to ballot members at Vauxhall over a proposed three-year pay deal, which the company insists is

But the TGWU will make no recommendation on the offer of 4.5 per cent now, followed by inflation-linked increases in the next two years, unlike the AEEU engineering union, which is urgme its members to accept.

The two unions are also balloting on industrial action over Ford's two-year pay offer for a rise of 4.75 per cent now,

rise next year. Last week, Mr George gave his strongest warning yet that current pay movements in the light of the car negotiations neight threaten inflation and that any further reductions in interest rates would depend on the inflationary outlook.

followed by an inflation-plus

But in its latest analysis of wage settlements, IRS cast strong doubt on the "received" wisdom of the importance of Ford's agreement for its 20,000 manual workers. IRS suggested it is less significant than the deals for 150,000 police, 60,000 firefighters, 100,000 BT workers, Tesco's 100,000 shopworkers and some larger bargaining groups in the public sector.

Eurotunnel shares at new low

EUROTUNNEL, the opera-tor of the cross-Channel rail link, declined to comment last night after its shares fell op to a low of 77p amid rumours about its debt position and reports that Japanese banks were preparing to off-load their debts

(George Sivell writes). The company is due to give a briefing in Calais today on passenger and freight figures for 1995, its first full year of operation. Eurotunnel indicated last night that it was giving a general presentation on its business rather than on

specific financial problems. Eurotunnel said last night that it had begun talks with its banks on September 14, when it suspended interest payments on its debts. From September, Eurotunnel says, it has 18 months to resolve its debt problems. Tempus, page 28

Barings' papers offer to SFO

By Robert Miller

SENIOR officials from the Serious Fraud Office may visit Singapore again after being offered access to vital papers relating to the collapse of Barings Futures (Singapore). the company at the centre of the merchant bank's £860

million failure. Until yesterday's offer, which came from Price Waterhouse, the liquidator of the failed Barings' firm, the SFO had been denied access to the papers by the Singapore courts. The decision on whether to send the fraud squad officers rests with James Kellock, the SFO lawyer in charge of the Barings investigation. The inquiry has been scaled down as no evidence

has been found so far of criminal activity in the UK. The SPO said that the cost of sending officers to Singapore could only be justified if there

was substantial new evidence to be uncovered that might lead to a prosecution in

Meanwhile, the investigation into the role of 12 former senior executives in the Barings crash by the Securities and Futures Authority (SFA), the watchdog for brokers and futures traders, is now complete but for "crossing the Is and dotting the Ts". The SFA investigation team is expected to pass the file of any possible City rule breaches against individuals to Rosalind Wright, head of the

regulator's prosecution unit. Eleven of the 12 executives have been banned from working in the securities industry until the SFA investigation is completed. Andrew Tuckey, former deputy chairman of Barings, is retained as a consultant to Barings.

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Sainsbury to unveil top-level changes



J SAINSBURY, the supermarket group, is set to unveil high-level management

City analysts expect the changes to involve David Sainsbury, who holds the dual role of chairman and chief executive, announcing his intention to relinquish the latter post. The Cadbury committee recommended that public companies should split the roles. Sainsbury is one of the last major companies with one person holding both posts. He is the only Sainsbury left on the board.

One analyst said: "The dream combi-nation would be if David has the guts to give up the chief executive's role and Dino Adriano is moved up to fill the slot." A company spokesman said: "The mnouncement is to do with personnel

BY SARAH BAGNALL

rather than trading." Asked whether the changes were at the top, the spokesman said: "I don't think we would be making an announcement if we were just hiring six more checkout girls at our Camden

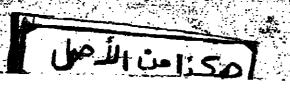
Speculation that Mr Adriano, 52, is an internal favourite for a top job follows his promotion to assistant managing director in September. Mr Adriano, who was chairman of Homebase, Sainsbury's DIY chain, ranks below Sainsbury's existing two managing directors, but he has been reporting directly to Mr

The changes could, however, centre on Tom Vyner, deputy chairman and joint managing director, who is scheduled to retire at next year's annual meeting. Sainsbury may want to clarify the issue of succession. Sainsbury's management has been criticised in recent months as the retailer has been seen to be the loser in the supermarket groups battle for market share.

Although Sainsbury remains Britain's most profitable and largest food retailer, it is losing market share and margins are

Recent figures showed that Sainsbury's market share in the four weeks to December 17 stood at 19.4 per cent, down 1.2 percentage points from last time. In contrast, Safeway, Tesco and Asda each lifted their market share.

Sainsbury, which lost out to Tesco in the battle for WM Low, the Scottish supermarkets group, is scheduled to release a trading statement on January



Council of Forte agrees to step aside for £50m

THE Council of Forte has given up the ghost. Yesterday, the council, in effect agreed to render itself powerless by selling its tiny stake in Forte to Granada if the group's £3.8 billion hostile takeover offer succeeds.

Granada would pay £50 million for the council's 780,000 trust shares. valuing each share at a lofty £64 apiece or about 17 times the 373p that the rest of the shareholders are being offered. But the council's shares are no ordinary shares; although they represent less than 1 per cent of the equity, they carry slightly more than

any other potential acquisitor, would have been unable to complete a takeover without having first struck a deal with the council. If it had not, the council simply could have, and probably would have, blocked the takeover. That is the main reason it was able to command a huge premium for its shares.

In exchange for the £50 million, the council will lose its voting control, but will not disappear: it will take up a new role. The council plans to register as a charity, invest the money and donate the income to various good

issues would be on the agenda. Hambros Bank, the adviser to the

council, estimates that the £50 million would produce £2 million to £3 million a year, more than three times the amount it receives from the 780,000 trust shares. In the past, the council has given money to ex-services, medical and youth charities. Which charities will receive the extra income has yet to be decided.

The council's agreement with Granada marks the end of an era. It was set up in 1904 to promote temperance and was a force to be reckoned with

ue to hold regular meetings with the because of its majority voting power. council, but it was not clear what But it never got to the point of using its powers, even during takeovers.

In reality, the council was as much a select gentlemen's club as it was the moral centre of Forte. The eight members, all of them appointed by the Forte group, were clearly chosen from their status as much as for their principles. An adviser at Hambros said: "I would call them very sober and eminent people."

The current crop consists of Lord Callaghan of Cardiff. a former Labour Prime Minister, Hugh Astor, the Earl of Gainsborough, the Duke of Marlborough, Sir Paul Wright, Lord

Peyton of Yeovil, Lord Boyd-Carpenter and Sir Hugh Rossi. They are paid £2,500 a year for

their service and leave the council only when they resign or die. Both Granada and Forte consider the council a quaint relic of the past. Even if Granada loses the takeover battle, the council would be prepared to abandon its role as the controlling shareholder. The council, of course, would want its price from Forte and £50 million now appears to be the least amount it would accept.

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Banks share UK's biggest custody contract

By Patricia Tehan, banking correspondent

ed the UK's biggest ever global custody contract outsourcing the custodian services for its clients 645 billion portfolios of UK and international securities - to Midland Bank and Mellon Bank of the US.

The deal is thought to be the second biggest in the world after Calpers, a Californian state scheme, handed custody services for its \$65 billion portfolio to State Street in 1992.

Prudential Portfolio Managers, the UK's biggest institutional investor, put its global custody business out to tender in November 1994 in order to concentrate on its

US \$348m fraud charge

BY OUR CITY STAFF

AMERICA's Securities and Exchange Commission has charged Joseph Jett, a former bond trader with Kidder, Peahody & Co, with fraud for alleged ly creating \$348 million in false profits.

In a civil administrative case, the SEC alleges that Jett carried out the scheme between 1992 and 1994 to hide losses of around \$83

The case is the first the SEC has filed in connection with the Kidder. Peabody incident, which took place amid the collapse in the mortgage-backed securities market in 1994.

In December of that year, the bulk of Kidder, Peabody's assets was sold by General Electric Co. its parent company, to the Paine Webber Group, for \$670 million.

Jett, who was also charged with record keeping violations, has denied that he did anything wrong and claims he was the victim of a propaganda campaign by his former employer.

Two other former Kidder. Peabody executives were charged in the case.



Portfolio Managers' business included Barclays, Chase Manhattan, Citibank and Royal Bank of Scotland. The rising costs of the

administration of securities and the increasingly global nature of the business have made it less cost effective for fund managers to handle custody themselves. Prudential Portfolio Managers said the move would

enhance the security of its assets as well as reduce the custody charges to its clients. Custody services include safekeeping of investments. trade settlement, income collection, proxy voting and tax

reclamation Roger Fishwick, treasurer at PPM, said the Prudential decided to outsource given the investment it would have needed for the introduction of rolling settlement under Crest in the summer and because of the growing requirement for transparency from its pension

fund clients. He said: "If firms are spending £50 million a year investing to improve their custody services, as a fund manager you are not going to be able to keep up with that. A specialist provider (of custody services) can provide economics of

Midland Securities Services, a division of Midland Bank, will provide global custody services for assets worth £40 billion, which is all UKsourced global assets except those in the US where Mellon Trust, part of the Pittsburgh-based Mellon Bank, will act as

custodian. PPM has £76 billion under management. The E31 billion not included in the Midland and Mellon deal includes investments made by PPM offices in Chicago, Toronto, Sydney, Wellington, Hong Kong, Singapore and Cape-town, The custody service for these investments is already

Mellon Trust will also act as record-keeper for PPM's in-vestments, using its technology to record all trades, feed the data to Midland and provide consolidated record-keeping for PPM's offices.



Universal Salvage on target

By Philip Pangalos

UNIVERSAL SALVAGE, the contract motor salvage company that sells wrecked cars written off by insurance companies, is optimistic on prospects after reporting interim profits in line with its prospectus forecasts

The company, which came to the market in September, saw pre-tax profits, after flotation costs of £668,000, dip to El.5 million in the six months to October 31, compared with £1.7 million last time.

Organic growth and new client wins helped trading profits to rise 8.7 per cent to £2.2 million, on turnover ahead 8.1 per cent to [2]

Cliff Bassett, chairman, is optimistic about prospects. He said: Trading remains strong and the level of instructions received from clients continues to increase. Negotiations are also ongoing with a number of major insurers."

The group has more than £2 million cash on deposit and is negotiating to acquire "a sub-stantial site" in the south of England. There is a maiden interim dividend of 1.52p. payable on February 14. from adjusted earnings ahead 10.1 per cent to 5.44p (4.94p) a share. The shares added 2p to

Rolls-Royce wins £315m Malaysian airline order

By Ross Tieman, industrial correspondent

ROLLS-ROYCE is making rapid progress in Asia, the space market, after winning an order worth up to £315 million from Malaysian Air-

line System. ing British Aerospace. for a \$4 billion order to supply MAS

The contract accompanied confirmation that Boeing of America had seen off a challenge by Airbus Industrie, the European consortium includ-

with 25 long-haul aircraft. It gives the Derby-based aero-engine maker a 60 per cent share of sales on Boeing's new 777 jet in Pacific Asia. Sales success among the re-

gion's fast expanding airlines the 747s will use American is helping to change percepworld's fastest growing aero-tions of Rolls-Royce, which spent \$1 billion developing its biggest engine, the Trent. power the Boeing jet.

Shares in the company gained 50 vesterday on news of the order, but closed unchanged at 195p.

MAS, which is now emerging as one of Boeing's biggest customers, confirmed contracts worth \$4 billion to buy ten Boeing 747 jumbos and 15 Boeing's next largest aircraft, the 777.

In addition, the airline took options on three more 747s and two additional 777s. While

Pratt & Whitney engines, the 777s will be powered by Trent

John Cheffins, managing director of Rolls's commercial aero engine group, was delighted by the MAS decision. "The Trent has now taken about 60 per cent of the Bocing 777 business in Asia Pacific and has been selected by every 777 purchaser in South East Asia," he said.

Rolls has secured orders for the Trent from Singapore Airlines, Cathay Pacific, and Emirates.

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Closer links expected in defence industry

THE rapid consolidation of the US defence industry is fuelling speculation of moves by European rivals keen to protect their competitiveness. Shares in British Aerospace rose yesterday amid talk that Daimler-Benz, the German engineering group, might take a stake, or that BAe might be contemplating closer links with McDonnell Douglas of the US. Both companies are already partners with BAe in military already partners with BAE in military aircraft programmes, and contacts are frequent. A BAe spokesman declined to comment, but pointed out that close connections already exist.

The European companies are partners in Airbus Industrie the civil jet consortium, and on the Tornado and Eurofighter warplanes. McDonnell, for its part, builds the US version of the BAe Harrier jump-jet. To date, opportunities to cut costs through cross-border mergers among Europe's defence manufacturers have proved elusive. Daimler-Benz has merged its helicopter and missile businesses with those of Aérospatiale in France, but the original production sites have been maintained. Meanwhile. Daimler is still wrestling with heavy losses in its civil aerospace business. Some \$,000 jobs are being shed in the tribute distributed business. its Airbus division. Further job cuts are expected at Fokker, the Dutch regional aircraft manufacturer controlled by Daimler. The German parent is still negotiating with the Dutch Government about a joint cash injection to save it from insolvency.

Shake-up planned

OLYMPIA & YORK Cos. USA, the troubled North American property company, has agreed a financial restructuring that effectively gives control to two of its biggest creditors. Carena Developments, the property holding company of the Bronfman family of Toronto, and Apollo Real Estate will get most of the core property assets, including the World Financial Centre. Under the deal, Carena will invest between \$75 million to \$100 million. The plan is subject to the approval of the court overseeing the bankruptcy case of Olympia & York Cos.

Kleinwort acquisition

KLEINWORT BENSON has bought SBC Warburg's big ticket leasing portfolio and its executive team of ten people led by Michael Hardwick for an undisclosed sum, thought to be close to its £500 million book value. The team has advised on and arranged leasing and related financings in the UK and internationally. John Cameron, joint head of financing at Kleinwort, said he was very excited by the deal as SG Warburg & Co. Leasing has a strong advisory business. He said: "This is better than we have dared dream."

Union joint venture

UNION, the financial services firm, has set up a joint venture registered in Dublin with France's Demachy Worms, to launch a range of multi-currency money market funds expected to raise at least \$50 million at the end of this month. The Matrix Fund Company will have initially six liquidity funds denominated in marks. Swiss and French francs, sterling, dollars and yen, each managed by a money manager in its home country. It is hoped the value of the open-ended funds will be more than \$250 million in one year.

Slade to stand down

LAURIE SLADE, the Insurance Ombudsman, is to leave when his contract expires in August. Mr Slade, who has held the post since September 1994, is "ready for a change" and wishes to develop other professional interests. The Insurance Ombudsman Council is now seeking a successor. One third of its workload, cases relating to financial services products, will be transferred to the Personal Investment Authority Ombudsman this year. The Insurance Ombudsman will left with problems relating to general insurance.

Irish return for Burmin

BURMIN Exploration and Development, the former Dublinlisted minerals explorer which merged with Australian mining company Spia Resources in 1992, is returning to the Irish stock market as Ormonde Mining. The company plans to raise up to Ir£2.4 million at 12p a share in an initial public offering sponsored by Dublin broker J & E Davy. Desmond J Burke, Burmin's former managing director, will hold the same position in the new company. Ormonde will target prospects in Mexico, Tanzania and Ireland.

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Medical insurance market tempts L&G

By Marianne Curphey

LEGAL & GENERAL entered the competitive medical insurance market yesterday, with policies aimed primarily at its 2.5 million existing life and pensions customers. It is spending £10 million on developing and promoting its Life-time Healthcare plan, which will be sold both directly and through agents from Monday. Insurers are increasingly

moving into private medical provision because it is seen as a lucrative market, compared with the motor and household insurance market, which many believe is saturated.

Lang and Buisson, the industry analysts, estimated last year that II per cent of British people were covered by health insurance, and premium in-come was \$1.7 billion, Medical expenses cover is still dominat-

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ed by the Hospital Savings Association, which has 750,000 subcribers, while 45 per cent of private medical insurance — about 2.5 million BUPA, followed by Private Patients Plan (27 per cent), Norwich Union (9 per cent) and Standard Life (5 per cent). Legal & General said it intended to sell to "middle income, middle England customers who are anxious about health care but do not want to pay the high cost of staying in hospitals with plush carpets

and expensive fees". Legal & General said the monthly premium for a single person aged 24, including insurance premium tax, would be EID.34, compared with Norwich Union's Person-al Care policy at £10.10.

Tesco in deal to join £30m

so ft store at Development Securities' £30 million retail development at Broughton Park, near Chester, Development Securities also said discussions were underway with other retail groups interested in leasing units at the site, which has planning permis-sion for 297,000 sq ft of retail des elopment.

development TESCO STORES has signed an agreement to lease a 72.000

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live within 40 minutes' drive of the centre of Chester, a catchment area which Development Securities considers to be under-supplied by substantial retail centres.





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☐ Forte's fate in the balance ☐ The mysteries of the weekly shopping basket ☐ A novel approach to policing directors

GRANADA has roped in a little financial help to fund its latest onslaught on Forte, and the mystery benefactor is you and me. Gerry Robinson has been able to sweeten his higher offer to the tune of 12p a share in tax breaks for those City institutions that can reclaim the tax

credit on the special dividend. As most of Force's shares are held by such institutions, this is equivalent to a £100 million-plus rise in the value of the bid, paid for out of the public purse. Such special dividends were weary-ingly common in the spate of utilities bids last year, and one had hoped they would have been ruled out of court in the Budget. Action in due course, please, from whichever government.

Granada has fired its higher shot with extraordinary skill. As well as the tax advantages, the bolting on to the existing terms of a 47p special dividend to be paid out of Forte's coffers has avoided the need to underwrite this £450 million addition to its offer. So much for dark mutterings that the group's sharehold-ers would not support an increased bid and that the fi-

nances would not take the strain. But Mr Robinson is still asking those same shareholders to take a great deal on trust. That extra £450 million will have to be found at the end of the day, and it

Granada's Golden Shot

ready quite substantial borrowings. These would then amount to some £3.5 billion, by most reckonings, once the deal is done, with an eventual - note, even-tual - fall to £2.9 billion after the end of the financial year and the sale of non-performing assets such as the Savoy stake.

Granada then hopes to raise £1.6 billion, the book value of the luxury hotels within Forte, by selling them. This is where the faith comes in if those disposals do not take place — a well-placed bomb, God forbid, and a collapse in the London tourist trade, for example? — Granada is stuck with this debt until the market recovers

If the hotels and all else can be sold, gearing returns to a more normal 70 per cent, improving to 50 per cent on revaluation of the BSkyB stake, now in the books at about £600 million less than it is worth. More importantly, interest cover is a healthy eight times

Mr Robinson has sighted his offer well within the 360p to 380p killing ground where the fate of Forte will be settled. He would never pay more, and sharehold-

Council of Forte has been squared with £50 million to-wards its good causes and a nebulous future role in the furtherance of temperance, for goodness sake

It is down to a choice between nanagements. Would shareholders prefer a tightly-focused fuxury hotels play run by Sir Rocco Forte, or a debt-burdened leisure group run by one of the most respected managements in the country? On balance, but only on balance, the City is inclined to think Granada will succeed at this level. But there is a formight of play still to come.

Breaking down the food chain

☐ HERE is an odd paradox: Britain has the most viciously competitive food retailing sector in the world, where the big chains can only stay ahead by constant product innovation and a close watch on the prices their

rivals are charging. Why, therefore, do British grocers earn margins on average



four times' higher than their Continental or American counterparts enjoy? And why are British shoppers happy to pay such prices?

The question has added relevance on the day that Sains-bury's has accepted the inevitability of some changes to its board, which has by tradition been dominated by people called Sainsbury. The supermarkets group was once the ne plus ultra of food retailing; now, so tough has been the competition and so rapid its fall that a sadder and a humbler Sainsbury has had to

bow to City pressure.
The industry would have it that change has come about from loyalty cards, selective price-cutting and various other perks

all of which conspire to reduce the cost of everyone's weekly grocery basket - only yesterday, Asda widened its money-off vouchers scheme. In a low inflation environment, with shoppers accustomed to a static weekly bill, that is about the only way the supermarkets can make

progress against each other.

The resolution of the paradox is twofold. One, the band of grocers that controls three fifths of all food sales is a disguised cartel. Each strives to ensure its prices are not undercut by the others, but such vigilance works both ways, by setting a baseline below which prices need not be cut further.

Two, high margins are the reward of the efficient. British supermarkets earn more, for every pound spent at the till, than their overseas equivalents because they buy in better, manage their shops better and produce higher-margin prepared products that shoppers are happy to pay over the odds for. There is little in foreign super-markets like the range of chilled foods available at even those

British grocers perceived as

down-market - let alone the sort of goods Marks & Spencer can sell, and the sort of margins they can achieve on them.

Simpler fraud trials by a technicality

☐ MANY suspected frauds go unprosecuted because it is often so complex and costly to prove common law charges that failure beckons for the police and the Serious Fraud Office. Chartered accountants have, for once, come up with a blindingly simple answer that would cover many of the more complex cases. Why not rely on a technical charge available under company law: deceiving the auditor. Fraudsters rarely announce their fraud in

the company's accounts.

Proving deception is more black and white than the shades of grey that appear when financial wrong-doing is defined as, say, theft. If directors tell the auditor one thing when the truth turns out be different, legal argument might often be more about seriousness or mitigation than guilt or innocence.

the ICAEW's auditing faculty, is to raise the maximum sentence from two to five years and to widen the coverage to anyone on the payroll. Perhaps. But is that five-year maximum really necessary? Most of the frauds concerned, as opposed to the their of public funds, would be ade-quately punished by two years at Her Majesty's taxpayers' expense. Few serve so long in reality. But if five years would persuade macho prosecuting folk to make more use of this law. the sooner Micheal Howard waves his stick the better.

All that is needed, according to

More or less

GERRY ROBINSON of Granada is, of course, well known for his contention that when it comes to hours worked, less is more although it is not clear how far down the Granada organisation his attitude is allowed to extend. Prue Leith has now pointed out that the overwork culture creates the "glass ceiling", holding women back by discriminating against those on whom the heaviest burden of childcare falls. Sadly, this would seem to give male-dominated managements every reason to perpetuate it. But one day the 1990s cult of overwork will be viewed as we now view Victorian child labour: a cultural aberration

National Power cuts its workforce by another 400

By CHRISTINE BUCKLEY

NATIONAL POWER yesterday added to the huge jobs rout in the electricity industry when the generator, which has cut its workforce by more than 11,000 to 5,000 since privatisation, said 400 more positions were to go.

Since the electricity industry was sold into the private sector more than 42,000 jobs have been lost with the total set to reach 43,000 by the end of March when redundancies for PowerGen are expected to come through in an end of the financial year round-up.

City expectations pitch the losses at PowerGen at 700 taking its staff down to 3,000 from a pre-privatisation total of 10,000.

Labour repeated its condemnation of the job cuts in utilities and claimed that more than £49 million had been lost in taxes and other benefits from the staff reduction of National Power.

along with the job reductions it expected to make cost savings of £100 million over the next two years. Staff cuts will form only a modest part of this with the majority of the savings coming from getting rid of non-power station activities. It will reduce its use of consultants and advisors and

other ancilliary services. The company did not rule out compulsory redundancies in the across-the-board sweep at its the Swindon headquarters.

However, it said it hoped that sufficient volunteers management will face the axe as well as a number of

administrative staff. National Power, which last month gave back £260 million to shareholders in a buy-back, blamed the job cuts on competition in power provision and the reduction in its output which has been demanded by the electricity regulator. It has to sell 4,000 megawatts of plant which will cut output by 25 per cent and take its market share down to about 20 per

Deadline for the sale is the end of March and the company says it is still negotiating with four potential bidders, including Hanson and three US companies. A spokesman said that the sale involved complex issues and would hinge on whether one company would buy the complete package or if the sale would be

It is also possible it could fix interested parties fail to come up with sufficient cash.

The generator, which is waiting to hear from the Monopolies and Mergers Commission on its bid for the regional electricity company Southern, said some of the cost savings and efficiency gains it expects over the next two years will smooth further overseas development.

At present overseas interests account for just 5 per cent of earnings but National Power is keen to expand foreign opportunities as its base in the ÚŘ shrinks amid regulatory would come forward. Senior and competitive pressures.

Trump to up stake in casino

BY RICHARD THOMSON

DONALD TRUMP, the controversial American property tycoon, is buying back full control of the Taj Mahal Casino in Atlantic City, three years after he was forced to sell half of his share in it to prop up his failing business empire. The move is a further step in the recovery of his business fortunes. Mr Trump was forced on

to the defensive when the recession caused rents and property values to slump at the end of the 1980s. Now. Trump Hotels and Casino Resorts, in which he has a 40 per cent stake, is issuing \$140 million of new shares, while a separate funding vehicle is issuing \$750 million in new bonds. The proceeds will be used to buy out the Taj Mahal's other shareholders.

year's profit estimates

BY GEORGE SIVELL

Rhône-Poulenc lowers

RHONE-POULENC, the French chemicals and pharmaceutical group, revealed yesterday that it was now expecting lower 1995 profits than forecast earlier. The move sent the shares down Ffr3.20 to Ffr103.80.

During 1995 Rhône-Poulenc said it expected a significant rise and had even talked of double-digit growth before trimming that back in the autumn to a noticeable improvement. Full results are due from the group on Janu-

Rhone, which now owns Fisons, the British pharmaceutical group through the Rhône-Poulenc Rorer operation, said yesterday: "Based on the first indications of activities in the fourth quarter, and without taking account of possible effects of the Fisons

integration, the group is now

expecting lower results than previously forecast.

The elements which have led to this revision are essentially, besides the downturn in the economy visible from last September, the effect of the transportation strike at the end of last year and the

quired from the pharmaceutical industry in France. "Finally, the group has decided to increase slightly the amount of provisions to be

exceptional contributions re-

recorded for the year." Rhone declined to comment on whether it was still expecting any rise on the Ffr 1.915 billion net attributable profit seen in 1994 and Ffr 962 million in 1993. However, expectations of about Ffr 2 billion took hold in the French market yesterday, down from forecasts of Fir 3 billion just

three months ago. Provision in

1994 reached Ffr 1.1 billion. Rhône has suffered extra

damage from the three-week transport strike in December and had closed some chemical production units in the Rhône-Alpes region. In addition the pharmaceutical industry is in negotiations with the Government over a Ffr 2.5 billion franc "contribution" Alain Juppe, the Prime Minister, is asking from the industry to help cut the social security

Akzo Nobel, the Dutch chemicals giant, said it still expected 1995 net profits to be higher than the previous year but noted that the strong improvement in results in the first two quarters "could not be maintained". The company's expectations for 1966 were

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American expansion for Biocompatibles

By PHILIP PANGALOS

John Baker of National Power, where more jobs have gone

BIOCOMPATTBLES International, the medical coatings and materials company which floated in April, is expanding overseas through an American acquisition for a total of up to \$21 million.

Biocompatibles is buying Atlantis Catheter Company, the California group that develops products for the balloon angioplasty market, for \$17.5 million in shares, with further payments of up to \$3.5 million depending on performance.

Angioplasty is the surgical procedure used in connection with high blood pressure. whereby balloon catheters and stents are passed through.

or inserted in the vascular system to help clear occluded

blood vessels.

Alistair Taylor, president and chief executive, said the acquisition will facilitate the expansion of Biocompatibles' cardiovascular business in this rapidly-expanding market. He added that the acquisition will bring its production of accessory products in-house, providing "substantial" cost savings.
Atlantis, which sells its

angioplasty products to more than 15 countries, is currently awaiting FDA approval for the manufacture and distribution of its products in America.

Brackenbridge rescue embraces new name

By Philip Pangalos

bridalwear and formal clothes group formerly known as Cupid, has unveiled a longawaited rescue plan comprising new chief executive, an acquisition, a placing and substantially in the group. open offer, a debt conversion and another name change.

Brackenbridge, which owns Pronuptia bridalwear and Youngs formal wear, has acquired Langside Hire, a men's formal wear company, for £525,000 in cash and shares. The enlarged group's name will become Formal Group.

Charles Brine, Langside's managing director and majority shareholder, will become

BRACKENBRIDGE, the chief executive, while Stephen Riley, Brackenbridge's managing director, will revert to finance director. Damian Aspinali and Dan Taylor will join the board and invest

> The loss-making company, whose shares remain suspended on the Unlisted Securities Market, is also raising £1.7 million through a placing and Wise Speke, at lp a share, to fund the acquisition and provide working capital. In addition, £1.75 million of Brackenbridge's existing debt will be converted into new

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TSB takeover puts Visa in a spot By PATRICIA TEHAN, BANKING CORRESPONDENT



VISA's European board is in this is no longer something he

a quandry. After the takeover of TSB by Lloyds Bank last year, two of its members, including its chairman, represent the same bank. Peter Ellwood was elected

by Visa member banks as nt-time chairman of Visa International and of the Visa European Union boards in June 1994, when he was chief executive of TSB. He is the only one of the four represen-tatives of UK banks on the Visa EU board who represents the interests of smaller banks. As deputy chief executive of the new Lloyds TSB. The other UK members of

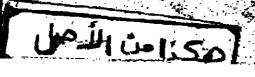
the Visa EU board are Gerald Hawkins, general manager of payment services at Lloyds TSB, Bob Potts, chief executive of Barclaycard, and Trevor Blackler, chief executive of group services at NatWest Normally there cannot be two representatives on its board from one bank.

represented "a certain volume

of Visa transactions in the region", the bank could have two representatives on the board. He added Visa was also waiting for "further clari-fication of the situation of the structure of the bank". He said: "Possibly we could have two people from one or-

ganisation. It will depend on

formed as a result of a merger or a transfer of assets and on A Visa spokesman said: "We are still waiting for information from the bank" the size of it and a number of other legal bits and pieces." Lloyds TSB said: "They are Under certain circumstances. aware that they need to talk about it and they are talking for instance if Lloyds TSB





Shares cool fast on Tory fears and US blizzards

WORRIES about another Conservative defection and the worsening weather conditions in America cut short another record breaking-run by the London stock market.

The FT-SE 100 index. after hitting a new all-time trading high of 3,728.6, went into reverse to end the session 20.3 down at 3,700.3. Last night there were signs of lutures-related selling that was threatening to erode the healthy premium built up the future and the cash market in recent weeks.

Early trading had been bolstered by the higher offer for Forte, But this proved short-lived with the news that Peter Thurnham, MP for Bolton North East, was considering standing as an indepen-dent after his seat disappears at the next election.

Meanwhile. New York remained in the grip of one of the worst blizzards for years with the forecast of more to come. Renewed worries about the US Federal Budget saw an early lead in the Dow Jones industrial average quickly wiped out and that took its toll on London.

That increased offer from Granada for Forte came as no surprise to brokers with the new terms valuing the bid at £3.8 billion. Granada is now offering four shares and £23.25 in cash for every 15 Forte shares. It raises the value of the offer from 328p a share to 373p with a cash alternative of 362p. There is also a 47p cash sweetener thrown in for Forte shareholders if they accept the bid.

But in spite of the increased terms Forte could only muster a rise of 7p to 35lp, as it continued to urge shareholders to reject the offer, which it said undervalued the group. Granada's Gerry Robinson countered Forte by accusing its management of mortgaging the future in order to create an appearance of value. Last night the bid was finely

pitched with few brokers willing to predict the outcome. Granada retreated 6p to 637p. Whitbread fell 17p to 68lp. It has agreed to buy Forte's roadside interests, including Travelodge, Welcome Break and Happy Eater, for a total of £1.5 billion. The price was further depressed by a line of I

discount to the market price. A late story sweeping the was about to call in the

million shares on offer at a



P&O shares slid as more people said farewell to ferries

receivers, though the story was treated with scepticism by brokers generally. It followed claims that a consortium of Japanese banks holding the bulk of the loans outstanding to Eurotunnel had become impatient and were ready to pull the rug. The shares hit an

the Channel continues to hot-

Brokers said it reflected this week's £4.5 billion acquisition by Lockheed Martin of Loral Corporation in the US. Brokers are also hoping to hear details soon of the Orange telecom flotation. Orange is jointly owned by Hutchison Whampoa and BAe.

all-time low of 77p, off 7p.

But the battle for control of been enjoying something of a The stores sector, which has revival cheered by news of the

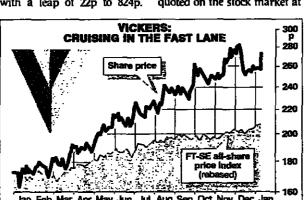
One of the heaviest traded companies was British Gas, up 34p at 261p, as almost 20 million shares changed hands. Once again there is talk of a bid from Shell. After last year's £9 billion bid by Glaxo for Wellcome, brokers say anything is possible. A merger would create a group with a stock market value of £42 billion.

up. P&O fell 8p to 475p after revealing cross-Channel traffic fell sharply last year. Tourist vehicles were down 7 per cent at just above 2.5 million, while passenger and freight-vehicle volumes also fell. It follows a similar announcement by Stena about traffic volumes on its Dover-Calais route.

British Aerospace stood out with a leap of 22p to 824p.

pick-up in consumer spending during the run-up to Christmas, found the ground pulled from underneath it by yet another profits warning from House of Fraser. The news that this year's

profits would fall well short of City expectations left its shares nursing a loss of 3p at 163p. This is the group's fourth profits warning since being requoted on the stock market at



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profits warning will be bad news for Phillips & Drew Management, the group's biggest shareholder. which has 26.1 per cent. Brokers responded by cutting their estimates of £25 million by about £10 million. That compares with last year's £28

Vickers accelerated 15p to 272p after announcing a 10 per cent increase in sales at its Rolls-Royce car division. In year sales rose just 3 per cent. Sales to the US accounted for much of the increase. Brokers said the performance was helped by deliveries of the new Bentley Azure. A total of 108 were sold last year retailing at £215,000 each.

National Express, the transport operator, jumped 22p to 388p after a visit to the company by brokers.

Monument Oil & Gas mped 3½ p to 61 ½ p as almost 10 million shares changed hands. It seems that the big seller that has overshadowed the shares recently has now withdrawn.

SkyPharma, the subject of a reverse takeover of Black & Edgington, the old marquee supplier, made its debut on AIM after a rights issue at 4p. Shares in the ordinary opened at 7p before closing at 82p. SkyPharma is headed by lan Gowrie-Smith, former head and founder of Medeva. He is expected to use SkyPharma as a vehicle to make acquisitions in the pharmaceutical market. GILT-EDGED: Prices enjoyed an early mark-up but failed to hold their best levels. The latest German unemployment figures, showing an unexpected rise, gave a boost to an already firm market. But with the snow storms continuing to have an adverse affect on the US bond market and

Conservative defection they dipped towards the close. In the futures pit. the March series of the Long Gilt touched £110% before ending up £310 better at £110716. The total number of contracts completed was ESR.000. In the cash market, Treasury 8 per cent 2015 rose E732 to £102516, while at the shorter end, Treasury 8 per cent 2000 was three ticks □ NEW YORK: Lower bonds and technology shares drove

rumours of another possible

down prices at midday. The Dow Jones industrial average was down 20.59 at 5.177.09. Closing Prices Page 31

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Stored up problems

HOUSE OF FRASER's life has been short and far from sweet. In two years it has suffered four profits downgrades by brokers. More than 100,000 small investors bought the shares at 180p when HoF floated off in April 1994, compared with yesterday's lolp.

The group had a lousy 1995 and although Christmas trading was respectable, it failed to provide a tonic to prop up profits. Second half like-for-like sales rose 2.3 per cent, but margins slipped because of a less profitable sales mix and the need - again - for aggresive markdowns. Stock problems are not new at HoF and again it was forced to cut prices to shift old merchandise and ensure current stock moves from shelf to shopping bag. Managing its stock problems more effect-

ively is a start to the recovery process, but avoiding the problem in the first place is the

real issue. The arrival in November of Rebecca Sharp as merchandising director may prove the answer, but any beneficial impact is unlikely to be felt before the autumn. Another problem is the sales mix. Lower-margin concession sales have risen, while sales of higher-margin ladieswear and homeware have fallen.

The group has suffered from years of under-investment and the current refurbishment programme - a hefty £50 million does not appear to be producing an adequate return. It is in its early days, however.

The shares are trading on 23 times January 1997 earnings, reflecting the City's view that HoF will recover, or management may be changed. That may be true, but until tangible evidence emerges to support this view, the

National Power

SHAREHOLDERS of National Power are laughing. Only last month, £260 miltion was tossed back at them through a share buy-back. Now they hear another £100 million in costs is to be surgically removed from the company over the next two

Under competition requirements, National Power is about to lose 25 per cent of its output but the cost reductions we are seeing will not lead to our waking up one day to find just a pile of cash where once were power stations. The generator is cutting costs as part of alternative expansion.

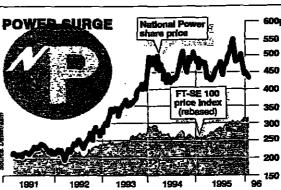
While it twiddles its thumbs waiting for the Monopolies and Mergers Commission to decide whether or not to allow its bid for the regional electricity company also has its mind set on overseas markets.

Southern, National Power

Foreign diversification will combat the loss of market share with the forced sale of 4,000 megawatts of plant. It will also cushion against rigorous competition from independent producers. But all is far from gloom at

home. Gas producers are

being forced to strike deals with generators offering cheaper fuel. The electricity regulator has said there will be no more price caps on the generators, And British Energy - in a clear attempt to spruce itself up for a respectable flotation - has promised no more expenditure on new nuclear plants in the immediate future.



Chemicals

EVER in search of clues on how the economic cycle will fare in the new year, your columnists spotted two straws blowing in yesterday's breezes in the shape of statements from two chemicals monoliths: Rhone-Poulenc, of France, and Akzo Nobel, of The Netherlands. Rhone clobbered its own

hare price by warning again

that last year's optimistic forecast of double-digit growth in 1995 had been overdone. This comes after a downgrading to a forecast of a "noticeable improvement" in the autumn. At the peak, the markets expected Rhone-Poulenc to make Fr3 billion in 1995, but this had become Fr2 billion, barely a noticeable improvement at all on the Fr1.9 billion made in 1994. It should be remembered that at the end of the third-quarter stage Rhône was up 71 per cent to Frl.96

Those who know reckoned

Rhône has seen Fr300 million of profit go because of a downturn in the economy and a further Fr200 million go because of the three-week public sector dispute in France last month. A similar tale emerges

from The Netherlands, where Akzo Nobel managed to knock 4.10 guilders (£1.64) off its share price to 184.10 guilders. Net profits are still expected to be higher, but the the first half of 1995 will not be maintained. Prospects for

1996 are now said by Akzo to be "modest". In common with many forecasters. Akzo sees a slow first six months of the new year followed by strengthening thereafter. from ICI, Shell et al with more than usual interest this

Eurotunnel

Morton in Calais of 1995 passenger figures and freight volumes. The value of Eurtonnel's massive debts has fared little better than the stock. The debt last changed hands on the market at a mere 37p in the pound. Such are the tunnel's prospects and finances that you could buy all £8 billion of debt for a mere £2.96 billion.

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Ever the competitive ones. P&O and Stena, the rival ferry operators lept in ahead yesterday. Stena reckons it is per cent down on passengers and freight over the previous year, when the tunnel was barely operational. But in what sounds like bad news for Eurotunnel, P&O reckons tourist vehicles, just 5 per cent down on passenger vehicles and 0.7 per cent down in the all-important freight market. The total cross-Channel market is reckoned THE fall in Eurotunnel units to have increased by 20 or 25 of 6p yesterday, to 77p, a per cent because of the tun-fresh low, heralds today's an-nel's opening.

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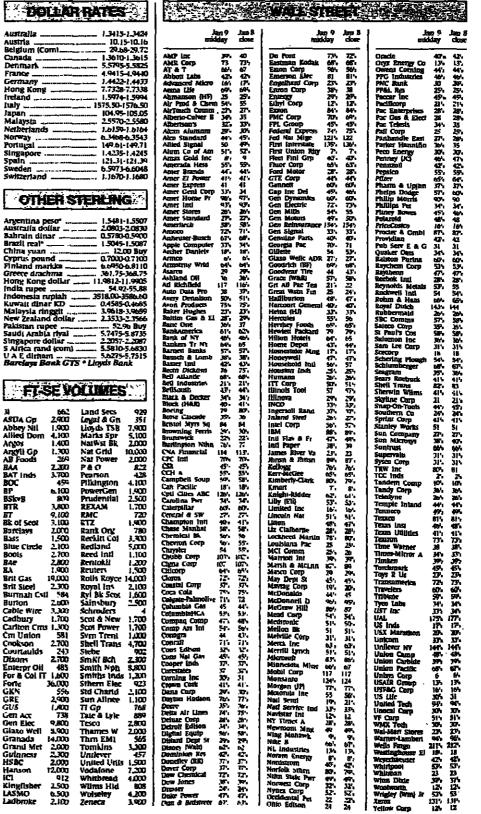
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Busman's trip for Marshall

SIR Colin Marshall will today perform his first official public duty as chairman of Inchcape. It's not quite a busman's holi-day, but he will be at Heathrow, with Gary Lineker, former England football captain, and a llama, to see 100 young people off to Chile — but not on a BA flight.

The party is the first of five initiatives that Incheape is funding in conjunction with Raleigh International, the charity. "It has a policy to fly the cheapest route, and Sir Colin approves," an Inch-

cape man said. Sir Colin did, however, use BA when he flew to the Gulf States, earlier this week, on behalf of Inchcape.

On notice

NINE brokers who are attempting to join a rival broker are being sued by their current employer for breach of contract. Greig Middleton, the private cli-ent stockbroker, confirms that it has served writs on the nine, who have handed in their notice and plan to join Brewin Dolphin. The action is due to be heard in London next week.

With periods of between six and 12 months "gardening leave", as they sit out paid notice, the nine are said to be "bored", and told Greig Middleton that they wanted to get back to work and had hoped to join their new firm on January 1. Greig Middleton contends they should complete their notice.

The outcome of the hearing will have widespread implications for many in the City. James Capel is still waiting for one senior analyst to join it from Credit Suisse Asset Management, which is holding 'its" man to a year's notice.



A CLIENT of KPMG, the accountancy firm whose slogan is "KPMG Means Business", is wondering what the firm's initials really stand for. He notices fees charged to him keep on rising, which makes him think KPMG stands for Keep Prices Moving Generally.

Team leaks

KLEINWORT BENSON has finally sprung a leak after managing to keep its team intact in the wake of widespread defections from other firms to Dentsche Morgan Grenfell. Its number one-rated utilities team of water and electricity analysts. Dr Simon Williams, Andrew Mead and Graeme Moyse, are heading for Deutsche, which has been building up its equities capabilities.

Horse talk

KIM STOCKDALE, who rides in the British Nation's Cup squad along-side Robert Smith and Graham Fletcher, has ruined the effect of his marriage proposal by spending the deposit for a marital home on a horse.

Stockdale proposed to his secretary. Laura Cocklin, 24, daughter of Tony Cocklin of British Airways, while on holiday in St Lucia, but she re mains sanguine about the latest development. "Our house has become a horse. But it is an exceptional

COLIN CAMPBELL

Plane-makers facing fierce fight for market supremacy

Price-cutting tactics

add to pain of

competition

in aviation,

says Ross Tieman

ir travel has moved into the bargain basement. For £196 you can cross the Atlantic and back: for less than £600 you can buy a return ticket to Australia. There is no single explanation. Cheap oil, rising traveller volumes and intense competition between airlines all play their part. But over the past 12 months, another novel factor has come

mto play: cheap aircraft.

During 1995, Boeing, the American manufacturer that dominates the world airliner market, launched a price war. Its objective: to recapture the leadership in new orders that it had lost to its upstart European rival,

Airbus Industrie, during 1994.

The aggression of Boeing's counterattack has astonished the aviation industry. Focusing on the newest aircraft in the Airbus range, Boeing has discounted its rival planes to unprecedented levels.

In the 130-seat segment, where the little A320 twin-jet was soaring ahead, Boeing has been offering its updated 131 model at 25 per cent below the current cost of production. The offer relies on a successful outcome to its four-year cost-cutting plan.
But the most brutal battle involves

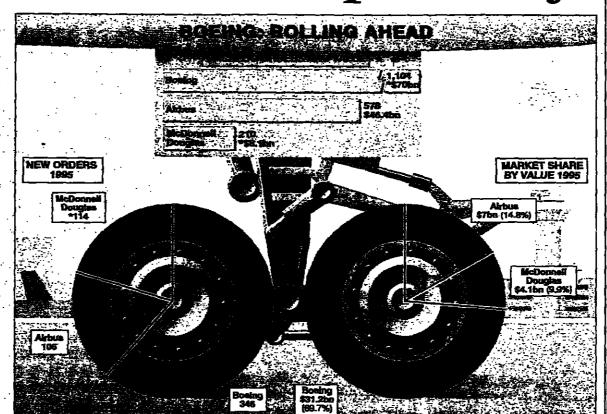
the big, new twin-aisle aircraft, where Boeing, Airbus and McDonnell Douglas of Long Beach, California have each spent the best part of \$1 billion developing new planes.

Airbus was first off the tarmac with

its A330 twin-jet and its ultra-long-range four-engined sister, the A340. McDonnell struggled to gain height with its MDII. But since the first Boeing 777 took to the air, the Seattle manufacturer has roared to the top of the sales charts, cutting prices to the bone where necessary to win orders.

But the pain of competition is not borne by the airframe makers alone. In this battle of the giants, the world's big three aero engine-makers have also found themselves on the rack. Engines account for up to a quarter of the price of a plane. The design of the new giant twin-jets, the A330 and Boeing 777, obliged the manufacturers to develop engines twice as powerful as anything built before Rolls-Royce of Britain, and Prair & Whitney and General Electric of America, spent the best part of \$1 billion on their entry ticket to the race now under way. Now they, too, are being obliged to offer heavy discounts as airlines play them off against one another.

In the sumo contest between the big ins, the A330 and the 777, this cou for little. But it appears to disadvantage the A340 in almost every showdown with the 777. That is because despite its excellent operating characteristics and popularity with travellers, the A340 list price \$117 million — is available with only one engine, the CFM56 built jointly by Snecma of France and General Electric of the United States.



In an interview with a French trade magazine, Jean Pierson, president of Airbus, observed that in the absence of competition from other engine-makers. the Snecma/GE partners had proved

reluctant to cut their prices. During the hard-fought struggle to secure a \$2 billion-plus contract to equip Malaysian Airline System with long-haul planes, this factor appears to have been decisive. Although MAS had already bought ten A330s, it opted for the Boeing 777, rather than the A330's four-engined sibling. This showdown may prove decisive. With the MAS order in the bag, Boeing claims that since the 777 was larnched in October since the 777 was launched in October

1990, the plane has achieved a market share in excess of 80 per cent. In total, Boeing has

won firm orders for 242 of its 777s. Airbus has secured 274 firm orders for the A330/340 range, while McDonnell had a total of 168 orders for its MDII at the last count. . These orders are in-

evitably lumpy. But it is clearly Boeing that has been making the running among the new heavy-weights during 1995 and the first few days of 1996. Until now, Boeing's success was partly political: President Bill Clinton lobbied heavily for airlines in Japan and Saudi Arabia to buy American planes. His influence over Saudia, the Saudi national airline, has helped to save McDonnell from being forced out of the civil jet arena. In China, another successful Boeing market, political clout also favours the American manufacturers.

But Asia is a battleground where price is king and it is the market of the future. According to Tajudin Ramli, the chairman of MAS, air passenger

numbers in the Asia Pacific region are expected to grow by 13 per cent a year during the next five years. By 2015, half the world's air traffic is expected to be from or to Pacific Asia. MAS's expansion is scaled simply to maintain its

market share. Efficient airlines cannot afford to operate a large variety of aircraft. So vhichever manufacturer succeeds in selling planes now is likely to benefit from follow-on orders in the world's fastest expanding market. That is why Rolls-Royce, which claims its Trent 800 engine has been chosen for 60 per cent of the Boeing 777s ordered in Asia . Pacific, is overjoyed at its latest coup.

Prices may be poor now but the orders will keep the company's Derby factory in work and hold out the prospect of repeat orders, at far more attractive profit margins. But for Airbus, the MAS outcome points

up the consortium's lack of competitivec Asia ness. British Aero-space, which builds the wings for all Air-bus planes and holds a 20 per cent

interest in the group, is cost-competitive. But its key partners. Aérospatiale of France and Daimler-Benz Aerospace (Dasa) of Germany, are hamstrung by strong currencies and the high cost of shedding labour. As a result, Airbus has been slow to match the cost-cutting drive by arch-rival Boeing.

But the determination of the Airbus partners should not be underestimated. Airbus business accounts for £2 billion a year of revenues at BAe: for its partners, who have more modest defence activities, Airbus is the core of their businesses. Boeing's resurgence order is one more defeat for Airbus in a may provide the impetus for the longdelayed restructuring of Airbus. A

review under way is expected to result in its Groupement d'Interêt Economique status being abandoned in favour of corporate status. That would ease financing strictures on its partners, and clear the way for price to take precedence in procurement and pro-

Airbus also appears increasingly determined to hit back in the market place by launching a stretched version of its A340 capable of breaking the monopoly enjoyed by Boeing's 747 in the jumbo market. By attacking Boeing's most profitable product, Airbus would reduce its capacity to discount in other sectors - or so the theory goes.

But Boeing is now on a roll. Its focus on costs has acquired an awesome momentum. More dangerous still for Airbus, it has prompted Boeing chiefs to contemplate the opportunities for efficiency gains across the entire United States civil aerospace industry. Now, it appears, Boeing is no longer

willing to wait until its Californian rival, McDonnell Douglas, makes a slow and graceful exit from civil jet manufacturing. The two companies have begun talks that could lead to a merger. There are attractions for both: Boeing dominates in civil jets, but McDonnell has the more formidable defence business. Its fighter jets include the FI5 Eagle, the FI8 Hornet, and the American version of the British Aerospace Harrier, while its Apache helicopter gunship has just been chosen by Britain and Holland.

ing's defence business has secured by a massive order for the Osprey vertical take-off plane. But with the consolidation of the American military aerospace industry proceed-ing apace, Boeing cannot afford to be left on the sidelines. Losing the MAS campaign in which its enemy has regained the upper hand.



Some things **Tony Blair** might mean

That's the Big Idea?
Tony Blair's latest V slogan, stakehold-ing, is still vague (which is surely deliberate); but it does at least sound like something that might be explained with a working diagram, rather than set to music by Vangelis. So those with literal minds are getting quite excited; indeed, the vagueness is an encouragement; it invites one to put up some concrete ideas. Those that follow are all my own guess-

work, but they might fit. What sort of stake? What, in other words, is the difference between a community of stakeholders and a nation of shareholders? The same, plausibly, as that between market punters and the members of a company pension plan. That would be why it was unveiled in Singapore, the pioneer of the statesponsored provident fund. It could be a good brand name for reformed social security: and the idea appealing in its own right. It implies levelling up, and solves the problem of pension portability, which should help labour market

flexibility. Above all, it offers a way to abolish the employment tax imposed by existing state benefit plans. This tax helps to explain high unemploy-ment in the core EU countries. The difficulty is the age old dilemma: how to get there from here. What we have now is essentially a pay-as-you-go scheme; so for a long period stakeholders would have, it seems, to go on paying for existing pensions, on top of buying their new stake. Please do not write in to explain that this is a mere accounting problem: all pensions, funded or not, are a charge on current output. The point is not arithmetical, but psychologi-cal: people will willingly pay much more to acquire property than to finance what they regard as their rights in the first place. But the bridging arithmetic remains

How to cope? Some optimists argue the return on equity is so high that a provident fund could bear both burdens — especially since the growth of the fund would drive the market to Japanese levels. Up to a point, Lord Copper. The

the returns from a Blair fund, they would look miserly if it was burdened, compared with what the private sector could offer. It would look like a failure. A transition which could avoid this would be so long that stakeholding would not be win-ning elections until about 2025; hardly the sort of Big Idea that Blair is seeking.

Very well; charge old-fash-ioned state pensions social security to the tax account. rather than social security. But can we then avoid higher taxes, as promised? There are ways, but they do not look adequate. Take that Labour favourite, the Cost of Failure: raise employment, they say. and save a fortune on benefits. Well, yes; and stakeholding, squeezing out the employment tax, would help. But there is a snag: the saving from getting one person back to work would cover, roughly, a married couple's pension. There are not, thank goodness, enough unemployed to make the sums add up.

S ave on other spending?
That looks better. The most tempting column in any public spending White Paper is headed Tax Expenditures"; in lay language, loopholes. The Tories have reduced mortgage tax relief, once the biggest, to a trickle, and gone on winning elections, so why stop there? All existing saving "incentives" (which have not raised savings, but diverted them) could be subsumed in the Big Idea. Pension fund exemptions, Peps and Tessas ... Now we're talking real money. Something like this is surely pencilled in; you read it here first.

Pension reform is not the only fiscal burden to face: in the long run, oil revenue takes over. It will probably fade away while Blair is still young enough to be Prime privatising retirement, will meet that timetable neatly: but will ex-oil core revenues be adequate, or will we be revisiting high top rates, or a wealth tax, once Labour policy? Or even a land tax. which should have been? The only comfort is there should be lots of time to find

The Exchange is an anachronism, argues Anthony Neuberger

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Taking stock of a City institution

The London Stock Exchange has lost two chief executives in the past three years. It has changed its name twice and looks like an organisation that has lost its way. As an organisation it is now an anachronism. At the hub of a city that seeks to be the financial centre for much of the world, you might expect to find an emrepreneurial dynamic company. Instead one finds that most quaint of institutions, a members'

cooperative. The reason for its constitution lies in history. It was set up to provide a service to the various jobbers and brokers who traded shares at the end of the eighteenth century. They needed a trade association to standardise trading practices, fix commission rates and generally protect the interests of those involved in trading shares. But times have changed. It is now

almost ten years since the radical changes known as Big Bang occurred. The forces that led to Big Bang including increasing competition from other markets — and the changes in membership and dealing methods have undermined the rationale for the Exchange's current governance struc-ture. Members of the Exchange now no longer even meet at the club; they do their business over the telephone. Before Big Bang, members of the Stock Exchange were small undercapitalised partnerships whose livelihood depended largely on the volume of trade going through London. They were not very concerned with costs and were indifferent to competition.

There were good reasons for having the Exchange as a cooperative institu-tion. With its virtual monopoly on trading, there was an important public interest in regulation and a wellfunctioning market that might have been hard to delegate to a conventional commercial organisation. Rule changes might have drastic impact on member firms; with nowhere else to go it was reasonable that they should be involved in any decisions.

But Big Bang has changed much of that. With the Financial Services Act



Down at the club: the Stock Exchange in the Sixties, before Big Bang

we have a regulatory structure which has taken over many of the public interest functions of the Exchange. Member firms are no longer small partnerships whose survival depends on the Exchange, but major financial houses that operate on many different markets as well as more specialised

stockbroking firms. As Oliver Hart and John Moore, economists from Harvard and the London School of Economics, argue in a paper to be published this week Hart and Moore. Governance of Ex- differently between member firms.

changes: Members' Cooperatives versus Outside Ownership" (City Re-search Project, London Business School), member-owned exchanges have both strengths and weaknesses. A cooperative cannot work effectively unless its members share common interests. Those common interests no longer exist. The Exchange is facing major changes. Its de facto monopoly is vanishing; important decisions have to be made. The costs and benefits of alternative courses of action fall very Under such circumstances it is hard for an institution to act in a rational and

coherent fashion. The current argument about quote versus order based systems is a case in point. Most of the world's equity markets act as clearing houses where buyers' and sellers' orders are crossed. London is unusual in the central role it gives to market-makers, members of the Exchange who buy from anyone who wants to sell and sell to anyone who wants to buy. The Exchange has been trying to take some steps to make it easier for people to trade without going through market-makers.

The Exchange will need to spend money to implement the changes. Member firms will have to spend a lot of money to enable them to use the new system. Some important member firms are likely to lose from the changes. They ask, understandably, why they should agree to their club using their capital to undermine its own members.

club of providers is not a good way of delivering a service that has to respond flexibly and speedily to the changing needs of its end-users. If the Exchange were constituted as a separate entity it could decide whether to risk its own capital to change and adapt the trading system. Decisions would be taken on their commercial merits.

I am arguing in effect for the privatisation of the Exchange. The Swedish Stock Exchange is privately owned; so is Tradepoint, which has recently set up in competition with the London Stock Exchange. I do not believe that a private sector solution will inevitably lead to the most efficient solution. Rather, I believe that the experience of privatisation has shown that a competitive environment in which independent companies risk their own capital and deal at arms length with each other leads to better decisions and a better service to users. Anthony Neuberger is assistant professor of finance at the London Business School and is also chairman of the market advisory panel of Trade- int. | qualities employers regard as

BUSINESS LETTERS ...

The real need for universal service son in school or in the remot- !!

From M. C. Martin Sir, I am pleased to see in your Pennington column and elsewhere that a public discussion of universal service has begun. However, I am alarmed that the basic need for Universal Service is being overshadowed

by peripheral matters. The primary concern for universal service is reflected in Oftel's definition of it, which is "Affordable access to basic voice telephony (or its equivalent) for all those reasonably requesting it regardless of where they live. This contains the two most important elements of the concept, firstly being able to have an ordinary telephone wherever you live at the same cost as everyone else and secondly for those who currently cannot access the telephone network due to disability to be able to do so.

The arguments on access for schools to the information highway are in my opinion not about universal service but about education. Those who have the real need for universal service are disabled people currently barred from using the telephone due to their disability. The discussion overlooks the fact that a perest part of the country can use a the telephone. A disabled be person in the middle of London would be unable to use a telephone because of the lack of appropriate facilities 2 which are technically available today. This is what the universal service fund should finance and without it these facilities will never be made of available. The cost of providing facilities appears to be less. than 0.5 per cent of the annual turnover of BT and in our opinion should be financed by all telecoms operators. This discussion however may beovertaken by EU directives. Finally BT should receive clear recognition for the substantial support it has given to services for disabled people. COST 219 is a pan European project concerned with telematics and telecommunications for disabled and elderly people. Yours faithfully.

M. C. MARTIN (Chairman). COST 219 UK Liaison Group, Gerrards, Hill House Hill, Liphook, Hampshire.

Give school-leavers lessons in world of work

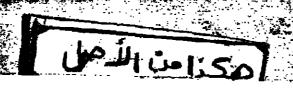
From Mr John Garlick Sir, In response to John Howell's call for action to counter the vulnerability to unemployment of 16 and 17-year-olds (Business News, January 2), I have a solution. Give every youngster a four-week placement in business in their last year of schooling. If we are serious about preparing young people for the world of work, we must make the experience worthwhile and of sufficient interest that they see

starting point in the job recruitment and selection process. Inter-personal and communication skills together themselves and their work are at least equally important. Yours faithfully. (Manager). Windsor Slough Education Business Partnership,

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generally no more than the

Old Crown Building, Slough, Berkshire,



Merger of airports in Belfast is blocked

By Jonathan Prynn, transport correspondent

A PLANNED merger of Belfast's two airports was blocked on competition grounds yesterday by the Government. John Taylor, the Competition and Consumer Affairs Minister, said that the proposed takeover of Belfast City Airport by Belfast International Airport would lead to higher airport charges and increased passenger fares.
The move leaves Belfast

City, which has been put up for sale by its owner, the Short Brothers aerospace company. without a buyer. An earlier bidder, Sarcon Diamond, withdrew its £24 million offer

Short Brothers said that Belfast City remained on the market and that it was continuing discussions with a number of interested parties.

Mr Taylor's decision came

after a Monopolies and Mergers Commission inquiry found that the proposed takeover would lead to "less choice for airlines and passengers and

Rolls-Royce car sales rise 10%

BY OUR CITY STAFF

VICKERS, the UK defence and engineering group. said its Rolls-Royce car subsidiary raised worldwide sales 10 per cent to 1,556 vehicles in 1995.

In the key UK market, sales rose 7 per cent to 493 vehicles compared with 1994. There was a similar rise in continental Europe, where the number of cars sold was 230.

The biggest sales rise took place in the Americas, where sales jumped 25 per cent to 420 cars. In Japan Vickers sold 121 cars, an increase of 4 per cent. The only disappointment was in the Middle East, where sales dipped 5 per cent to 71 cars. Other overseas sales accounted for 221

The 1995 sales figures were well received by investors and shares in Vickers advanced 15p to 272p. Speculation persists that Vickers will eventually seek a buyer for Rolls-Royce to concentrate on its core defence and engineering businesses.

the failure to develop the City airport to its full potential".

Jim Doman, managing director of the former govern-ment-owned Belfast International, which was bought out said that he was "disappointed" at the decision to block the takeover. "We will be considering our options but for now it is business as usual," he

If successful, the takeover was expected to lead to major rationalisation of the ageing City airport, which comprises two gloomy converted aircraft hangars in the harbour area of Northern Ireland's capital. The referral was seen by the industry as a test case for future moves by regional airports to acquire rival operators.

Both airports have enjoyed a boom in passenger numbers since the announcement of the ceasefire in September 1994 with Belfast International, which is also known as Aldergrove, setting new records for passenger numbers last vear.

Passenger traffic through the airport was up 15 per cent at 2.3 million and cargo volume was up 13 per cent. It serves London Heathrow, Amsterdam, Boston and New York, as well as a number of regional cities in the UK, and is the main airport for charter lights in the province.

Belfast City Airport serves only UK destinations, such as Manchester, Glasgow, Edinburgh and Leeds as well as London Stansted, and was used by 1.3 million passengers

last year.
Airlines using the two Belfast airports, which had been mostly opposed to the merger welcomed yesterday's decision.

We welcome what has been an in-depth and serious inquiry regarding ownership of the major airline gateways into Northern Ireland," a spokes-man for Air Belfast said.

The Monopolies and Mergers Commisison report found that the proposed acquisition "may be expected to operate against the public interest and should not be permitted".

Mr Taylor said that he accepted the MMC's findings and concluded that "only prohibition will ensure that the adverse effects are prevented".

The merger plans were re-ferred to the MMC in May last year when Belfast International made an indicative offer to Shorts for the rival airport and some adjacent land.



Revenue from North Sea oil in the month of November rose by 2.4 per cent to £28.6 million per day as a result of higher Brent crude prices

NORTH Sea oil output eased Dearer crude oil lifts North in November but an increase in the price of Brent crude left revenue from oil 2.4 per cent Sea revenue as output eases higher than in October (Martin Barrow writes). Oil production fell by 81,000

barrels per day (bpd) in Novhigher Brent crude prices. The ember to average 2.66 million dollar Brent crude averaged bpd, reflecting a 15 per cent decline from BP's Magnus \$16.82 per barrel in November, 4.5 per cent higher than in the previous month, although field and a 67 per cent fall in the dollar weakened one per cent against the pound. The onset of winter saw

wants a new civil penalty to

allow a company to sue any-

one who knowingly deceives

an auditor for any damage or

The faculty calls for a new

Fraud Advisory Panel to be set

up as an independent stand-ing body. This panel would

provide a forum for discussion

and improve co-operation be-

tween government, law enfor-

cers, the private sector and

other interested parties. It

would also be responsible for

increasing overall awareness

Tony Bingham of Coopers &

Lybrand, who headed the

working party producing the report, said: "Fraud is a major problem for business, indus-

try and the City. It affects

everybody, the general public

and stakeholders in business-

es. It is a common problem

which needs a joint response."

ing the status quo is not an op-

tion: there is a need to ensure

fraudsters know they will be

penalised and more effective

action needs to be taken.

The faculty says maintain-

of the fraud problem.

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The Royal Bank of Scot-land's Oil and Gas Index North Sea gas output surge by 51 per cent to 8,551 million reports that revenue from oil rose 2.4 per cent to £28.6 cubic feet per day, which was million a day because of

Accountants seek

stronger penalties

to deal with fraud

By ROBERT BRUCE

COMPANY law should be the faculty believes. It also

Shell's Cormorant A field.

strengthened so that fraud can

be prosecuted faster and more

simply, an auditing body has told the Government.

In Taking Fraud Seriously,

Section 389A of the Com-

this should be raised to five

years and coverage of the law should widen to include anybody working within the

Martyn Jones of Touche

Ross, the accountant, said:

"We have seen just how long it

can take for a prosecution to

define the fraud and prove

criminality. We need straight-

forward laws where it would

be enough that if you could

prove a lie then you could gain

a prosecution." Section 389A

relies on the basis of "know-

ingly deceiving an auditor".

This could be the key to

gaining speedy prosecutions,

company being audited.

November 1994. Gas revenues rose £5.17 million to £15.86 million per day during November, which is about 28 per cent higher than 12 months ago. Gas sales were helped not only by the weather but also

increasing demand for electricity generation. Combined oil and gas reve-

BTR talks

to Gencorp

about sale

By Alasdair Murray

BTR, the industrial conglom-

erate, is in talks with

Gencorp, the American tech-

nology company, over acqui-

sition of the US company

vibration control business,

which makes components for

strengthen its worldwide

automotive businesses, said

that it had begun prelimi-

nary talks, but no price was

Gencorp makes defence,

automotive and polymer

products and has annual sales of about \$1.7 billion.

while the automotive divi-

sion had a turnover of \$577

million last year. Gencorp

incurred a loss of \$226

million last year and has

made a series of disposals in

the past few months.

BTR, which wants to

cars and light trucks.

disclosed.

average £44.47 million per day, an 8.2 per cent increase Mark Shea, energy econo-

mist at the Royal Bank, said: "After a quiet year we have seen the markets really pick up because of the recent cold spell, which demonstrates the importance of oil and its

products, not only to the financial markets but also in economies around the globe." In December a strong spell of buying saw crude oil and refined product prices move up to some of the highest levels seen in 1995, said Mr Shea.

The Brent crude 15-day price reached \$19 per barrel on December 27, having spent most of the year trading within a range of \$16 to \$18 a barrel. Because of extreme weather in America, prices for prompt delivery of Brent crude have gone over \$20 per

European credit quality shows big improvement

By Patricia Tehan, banking correspondent

Europe improved dramatical ly last year with far fewer companies, banks and governments suffering a downgrade in credit ratings than in 1994. According to Standard & Poor's, the credit rating agen-

cy. 37 organisations were downgraded last year and 34 were upgraded. In 1994 there were five times as many downgrades as upgrades.

A credit rating affects an organisation's ability to raise debt through the issue of bonds or commercial paper. George Dallas, managing director of S&P's European operations, said the generally improved economic environment would help ratings this year. He said: "In the context of a low-growth, low-inflation environment, from a credit perspective, it should have

On Monday, BTR said it had bought Metalurgica Carto, a Brazilian automofive component company, for an undisclosed sum. positive implications." Metalurgica has a turnover of about \$60 million a year. But he added that the higher number of mergers and acquisitions in 1995 was expected to continue this year, which The deal was the latest in a series of tactical moves into. the Latin American car comtends to have negative implications because acquisitions ponent market. do come with debt finance".

CREDIT quality across S&P added that competitive oressure would torce down

> financial institutions' ratings. The overall trend in bank ratings last year was down, with 16 upgrades and 20 downgrades and looks likely to continue in that direction, said S&P.More than half the downgrades were of French and Italian banks, which are suffering because of the poor French property market and patchy performance of the Italian economy. The number of upgrades was bolstered by

merger and acquisition activiamong UK banks and building societies. S&P said a quarter of the upgrades were the result of takeovers of weaker banks or building societies by higher-rated parents. ments last year

improving finances helped public-sector ratings. All seven rating actions on governupgrades. The trend for corporates was more negative, with 16 downgrades and ten upgrades. The UK electricity industry and European pharmaceuticals sector saw a large number of downgrades.

Leisure group back on track

The benefits of a refinancing that was completed a year ago helped Tomorrows Leisure. the hotels and leisure group that is quoted on the Unlisted Securities Market, to continue its recovery, although interim profits were held back by the hot summer weather and restructuring costs.

The company reported pre-tax profits of £29,000 in the 26 weeks to October 1, compared with a loss of £125,000 last time. Turnover from continuing operations fell to £4 million (E4.5 million), with the drop being blamed on the adverse effects of the hot weather on the group's indoor eisure facilities.

Significant pre-opening costs allowed the Hellaby Hall Hotel near Sheffield to make a small profit of £29,000, compared with a loss of £399,000 last time. Interest charges were cut to £140,000 (£623,000), with gearing down to 26 per cent (358 per cent), reflecting the benefits of the financial reconstruction. There were negligible earnings, compared with a lp a share loss last time. Again. there is no dividend.

Peter Dawson, chairman, is cautiously optimistic on prospects in spite of uncertain economic conditions. The shares added lp to 7½ p...

Speedy Hire acquisition

Allen, the construction and plant hire company, said that its subsidiary. Speedy Hire Centres (Northern), had ac quired Rentall for £1.325 mil-lion. Rentall hires small tools and equipment to building contractors, industrial com panies, and do-it-yourself enthusiasts. It operates from eight outlets.

The acquisition has been funded through a share placing, raising £1.327 million. The Rentall acquisition and the reorganisation of Allen's plant hire division will increase to 99 the number of outlets operating under the Speedy name. Allen shares were unchanged at 223p yesterday, against the 214p placing price.

VHE suffers profit fall

VHE Holdings, the specialist contractor operating in land reclamation and civil engineering, is passing the pay-ment of an interim dividend after suffering a decline in pre-tax profits to £1.196 mil-lion from £2.05 million in the six months to the end of

Earnings fell to 2.5p a share from 4.3p. Brian Waldron, the chairman, said that he was generally optimistic about full-year prospects. The order book stood at £26 million at October 1, 1995, up from £20 million 12 months earlier. The shares fell lp to 64p.

New Tarmac finance chief

Chris Bunker, 49, is to be the next finance director of Tarmac, the construction group. He will succeed Terry Mason. who retires from the post on February 15. At present, Mr Bunker is finance director of Westland Group. Mr Mason, who has been

with Tarmac for 30 years, will remain an executive director until the end of 1996, assuming responsibility for special projects. These will include the integration of the quarrying and aggregates businesses of George Wimpey, which were acquired through an asset swap in November.

a report launched yesterday. the audit faculty of the Institute of Chartered Accountants says penalties for deceiving auditors should be raised. panies Act 1985 carries a maximum prison sentence of two years. The faculty suggests

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AN INTRODUCTION to a health club is an ideal way to start a fitter lifestyle. And today The Times invites readers to spend a free day at one of the 73 health clubs throughout the UK who are participating in this offer (a full list was published on Monday).

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Bespak moves back into black

BY MARTIN BARROW

company that incurred heavy losses after provisions last year, returned to profit in the first half of the current year and expressed confidence that the recovery would continue.

The company said a strong performance in the UK and a return to profitability in America helped achieve profits of £3.5 million before tax in the 26 weeks to October 27.

Bespak earned £3 million before tax in the first half of the previous year, but full-year figures were blighted by an exceptional charge of £18.6 million against an ill-fated contract with America's Innovata Biomed. The contract, which guarantees the payment of minimum royalties Bespak, is the subject of talks between the companies. First-half earnings were 9.2p

a share, rising from 7.9p. But

the interim dividend is held at

4.2p a share. The shares rose 10p to 325p yesterday.

BESPAK, the medical devices the development and supply of drug delivery devices to the respiratory drug industry. It also supplies fluid control valves and dispensing pump products. Group turnover rose to

£35.7 million from £31.8 million and operating profits improved to £3.6 million from E3.2 million. In the UK, operating profits rose 32 per cent to E3 million, with margins advancing to 12.9 per cent from 11.5 per cent.

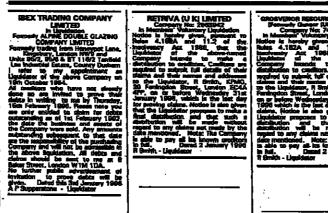
The restructuring of US operations, which incurred losses of £1.3 million in the second half of last year, began to take effect. Operating profits were £500,000 in the first half, compared with £800,000 last time. The level of working capital

has been maintained despite the 12.3 per cent rise in sales. Capital investment was up 80 per cent to £3.5 million and gearing has fallen to 7.1 per cent from 13.9 per cent at the Bespak's main business is end of the last financial year.

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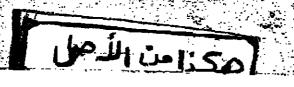
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OPERA

Covent Garden under TV scrutiny and under the lash: can Jeremy Isaacs steer round the wreckage?



DANCE

Hampered by underpowered principals, · ENB gives a limp account of Swan Lake





THEATRE I

The raddled founders of the National Trust are laid bare in Fay rite Nation at the Lyric



THEATRE 2

. while *Damn* Yankees, with its Faustian pacts on the baseball field, is barely revived at the Bridewell

DANCE

Stars

lack

sparkle

ENGLISH National Ballet's Swan Lake is not a bad

good stock - early 20th-century Bolshoi - and carries

attractive, if rather ecclesiastical, designs from Carl Toms.

It also has some lovely work for the ensemble in Act IV which ENB's revitalised corps

de ballet dances beautifully

But what is the good of all that

when neither of your leading

performers can generate enough electricity to fire a 25-watt lightbulb? Cecilia Kerche (from Brazil)

and Roman Rykin (Soviet-

born and trained) are both accomplished dancers, pos-

sessed of excellent techniques

handsome physiques and the ability to add individual col-

ouring to familiar choreogra-phy. Yet, for all their

strengths, they radiate little

but efficiency.

Rykin's Siegfried is a nonde-

script prince, driven neither by doubts nor desire. And

Kerche's Odette is too grim a swan maiden to inspire a questing human heart, in any

Swan Lake

Festival Hall

case. The Act II pas de deux -

instead one of the evening's

low points, passing pleasantly

before our eyes with none of

the urgency and discovery that

such a coupling would

suggest.
Things improved slightly

between these two as the ballet

progressed, Kerche being no-

iceably happier as Odile, and

their Act IV was a passable

rendition of the love triumph

Perhaps they were listening

to the orchestra at this point (not always the salest of roads

to follow with ENB's house

band). But the amazing thing

was, so were we. All night,

with music adviser Patrick

Flynn on the podium, there

had been a marked improve

ment — a new commitment and personality in the playing.

Tempos were livelier, the per-

cussion was vigorous and by

Act IV Flynn and Co were

whipping up a Tchaikovskian

Raissa Struchkova's pro-

duction, based mostly on

Gorsky's stagings for the

Bolshoi, looks dreadfully

cramped on the Festival Hall's

shallow stage. The choreography's layered formality is flat-tened by the lack of depth in

the performing space and the

dancers are forced too far

forward for proper visual perspectives to be maintained.

Thank heavens English Nat-

ional Ballet returns to the

Coliseum for its next London

season in March.

ing over evil scenario.

The Royal Opera House, soon to be laid bare on BBC TV, is fighting for its future, says Rodney Milnes

Will the Garden ever bloom again?

Royal Opera House start-ing on BBC2 next Tuesday ng both as a brilliant piece of documentary film-making and for misunderstood institution oilled as the portrait of "a turbulent year". As Jeremy Isaacs ruefully remarked at a press showing, the 1993-94 season when Michael Waldman's cameras were given a free run of the building was actually rather a calm year, even ending with a small surplus: if they really wanted turbulence, they should be filming now. Indeed, but the roots of this week's dramas are already there, clearly exposed for all to see.

"Fly on the wall" is the term commonly used to describe Waldman's technique. Little is saared, and after a month or two, people in the theatre must have forgotten the cameras were there. Many are caught off-guard, some are so relaxed as to be indiscreet: the chief commissionaire's revelation of what goes on in the boxes is especially intriguing. So that's what

opera does to people.

Enough heroes and villains are exposed here for a dozen operas. Among the heroes are Bernard Haitink, whose conducting of the closing bars of Meistersinger tells you in a few seconds what the Opera House is all about, and whose sigh and resigned gesture at first sight of the Ring sets is a moment of uncomfortable truth.

There's the scene painter dispens ing eternal verities while slapping paint on an Aida backcloth. There's the Australian stagehand, the only female in the crew, telling us what she has to put up with. There's the chairman, Sir Angus Stirling, who traditionally comes on as Mr Nice Guy, being tough at a board meeting ("absolutely catastrophic") - or is he just acting tough? The

camera is equivocal. Then there are the potential anti-heroes. Baroness Blackstone has a point at the same meeting, but there are ways of making points other than the headmistressy. The Hecklers who sought to disrupt Birtwistle performances are ruthlessly shown to be a bunch of prats. Jim Monahan of the Covent Garden Community Association, who has made a career out of opposing the house's redevelopment, does not come across well.

Most alarming of all is Keith Cooper, director of corporate affairs, who — fairly or unfairly — comes across as a peculiarly nasty bit of work, making insulting personal remarks about members of staff on camera, sacking two of them, losing his temper and throwing a telephone on the floor.

There are real-life dramas: Darcey Bussell only just getting through the first night of Sleeping Beauty in Washington. She was off injured for months afterwards. The squeamish may wish to avert their gaze from the surgeon's knife going into dancer Michael Nunn's foot, but there is a happy end: Nunn dances again. Ballerina Fiona Chadwick's contract is not renewed, and she tells the camera what she feels about it. A horse falls through the set of Katya Kabanova, and has to be rescued in the only moment of obvious panic in six hours.



Happier times: the Royal Opera House's director, Jeremy Isaacs, and chairman, Sir Angus Stirling, celebrate Covent Garden's successful bid for lottery money last July

There is some telling cross-cutting. Sackings are agreed while Carmen is stabbed on stage. A black family from south London attending a Hamlyn week reduced-price performance is spectacularly misdirected to cheap gallery slips by toffee-nosed ushers — cut to Denyce Graves, the black star on stage. The decision on which little girl from the Royal Ballet School is to play Clara on the first night of Nutcracker is cross-cut with tortuous industrial relations negotiations. The froth of "a star-is-born" (the winning Clara enchanting) is seen in stark juxtaposition with the backstage realities that make it all possible.

there is much doubt as to whether this exposure will belp or harm the Opera House. Truth, surely, can only help. The public perception is probably of an organisation idly sitting around deciding how much to pay Pavarotti (and then charge the public). Here we see an enormously complex operation employing over a thousand volatile, skilled professionals, three companies churning out many more performances than comparable theatres in

Europe for about half the money. The opera boss Nicholas Payne outlines his constant battle of wits with the board: his brief is to provide interesting repertory, while they would be happier with endless revivals of Tosca. "They're going to try and cut another million quid out of my budget," he says on the way to

a board meeting, mug of black coffee in hand. "It's on occasions like this when I wish I hadn't given up smoking." He freely admits to the artistic price paid for cost-cutting, like 14 disastrous performances of a Magic Flute bought in cheaply to save on a new production.

Towering over all is the strangely isolated figure of Jeremy Isaacs, something of a tragic

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haustible passion for opera and ballet and persists in trying to help from anyone "up there". He is seen to be on kissing terms with Norma Major, but this is not transformed into government sup-

hero. He has inex-

port. His frustration is vividly shown in an encounter with a Terry Dicksstyle taxi driver: he cannot explain, or is tired of trying, the Alice in Wonderland situation whereby what looks like a vast sum of public money is inadequate, and he has to put up seat prices just to keep the doors open, thereby appearing to cater only for the well-heeled, or

"toffs" in tabloid-speak. Episode six shows this vividly: corporate entertainment rampant, with sponsors boasting of the bouse's exclusivity and blithely un-concerned at the use of public money to make it so; Vivien Duffield bringing her own decorators in for a gala ("no one in the Opera House dares say no to Mrs Duffield") but failing to raise money to save school matinees; preparations for an Aida sponsored by P&O, with the Majors and the Heseltines in attendance. P&O have chipped in with £250,000. which apparently gives them the right to argue about the size of their logo on the programme. In fact the largest

slice of Opera House the box-office. The Arts Council grant Arts Council accounts for only 27 per cent, in which apparatchik case what right does the Arts Council who suggests have to take so bullying and patronising a stance in its relations with the Opera House? The fly-on-

the-wall sequences here are chilling - art doesn't enter into it. It is an Arts Council apparatchik who, with barely concealed glee, raises the idea of shutting down the opera and ballet during the three-year closure for redevelopment, thus saving £40 million. Isaacs barely keeps his temper, and even the suave deputy chairman of the board, Sir James

Spooner, looks rattled. This is raw, living drama. Isaacs loses his cool at a preliminary meeting, with his "P** it, you can't provide the arts in this country on the basis of the least-cost option; the least-cost option is no art." And that. with a voice-over announcing the subsequent lottery grant for redevelopment and the warning that the struggle for public approval is far from over, is the end of The House.

Where are we today? The "no art" option is very much open. The Opera House's famous spin-doctor, Keith Cooper, screwed up both the lottery application and the announcement of its success, falling into every trap laid by the tabloids. Opera and Covent Garden suddenbecame the dirtiest words in the English language; the junking of the Cardiff Bay Opera House is a direct result. It must be left to future historians to analyse the reasons for the tidal wave of philistinism sweeping over Britain in the last years of the present century.
The Arts Council now appears to

be an instrument of government policy following the abandonment of the arm's-length principle, presiding over the dismantling of the arts rather than their encouragement. In the circumstances Isaacs had little choice but to gamble all on the Tower Bridge theatre as a home during closure. That seems to have foundered. The workers are understandably growing restless, expressing no confidence in management. Sponsorship has collapsed, there is resistance to box-office prices for everything save Tosca, the Arts Council grant plummets: the amazing Mrs Bottomley promised no cuts on spending on the arts one month, and lopped £5 million off the Arts Council grant the next.

Management, in this case Cooper announces the slashing of productions and 10 per cent redundancies, with his own wholly redundant job presumably not at the top of the hitlist. Isaacs goes next year, so does Haitink, the brightest jewel in the ROH crown, and the theatre closes. Stirling retires this year. Into this vacuum, which the arts abhor as much as nature, what? The "no art"

f the companies ceased operation for three years, the Royal Ballet dancers would find oth-Ler jobs and the company simply disappear, and with it 70 years of proud endeavour. Haitink's orchestra and chorus would vanish. It might be possible after three years' closure to reconstruct some sort of artistically negligible Royal Opera engaging whichever of the three tenors can still sing. But simply in terms of human resources - the resources so joyfully hymned in Waldman's documentary - the option is unthinkable, or so it seemed until recently.

Most agree that the Government is in terminal decline. It would be tragic if it were allowed to drag with it half a century of artistic success achieved in the face of formidable odds. Oh, and Lord Gowrie, soidisant chairman of the Arts Council, has been notable for his absence and silence. Knock knock, is there anybody there?

● The House begins on BBC2 next Tuesday at 9.30pm DEBRA CRAINE

storm.

THEATRE: Benedict Nightingale on a patchy tribute to the National Trust and a foul ball of a baseball musical

No thanks for this memory

Fav'rite Nation Lyric Studio, W6

EMPTY Space Theatre is presenting Robin Brooks's Favrite Nation for the best of reasons. It wants to celebrate the National Trust's centenary and, as its pre-publicity claims, to raise some hard questions about its direction and purpose today". But whether that noble organisation should be grateful is a nice question.

If the play suggests any-thing, it is that the National Trust was inspired and founded by people whose personal lives were a frightful mess. You could almost conclude that the best way it could renew its sense of direction and purpose" for its second century would be to take a look at its recruiting policies. A bit more sexual frustration and emotional disappointment in the Trust's boardroom might produce wonders in the shires.

Certainly, the atmosphere is fetid in a peculiarly Victorian way. A lesbian called Sophia Jex Blake yearns for the young Octavia Hill, whose heart belongs to the ageing John Ruskin, who in turn rejects her for the still younger Rose

For reasons that are never clear. Rose called the art critic and social reformer "St Crumpet"; he apparently remained obsessed with her as she grew from an Alice into an anorexic Lolita. She died young; he retired, half-mad, to stare at hills and water in the Lake District.

Peter Glancy's Ruskin winces and quivers about the near-bare stage: an odd, interesting mix of the sensitive, prickly, generous, selfish, impressively fiery and utterly impractical.

Meanwhile, Philippa Wil-liams's humble yet doughty Hill is the one who ensures that houses for the poor get built, open spaces protected, and, although this mainly lies in the future, great estates acquired for the nation. She has her author's admiration, but he also makes it clear that she ends up a bit like gristle that has gone through a us that the questing Victorian

mincer: tough but mangled. Both Brooks's script and Andrew Holmes's production planation, his bulky, genial



Peter Glancy, Mufrida Hayes and Philippa Williams fight for posterity in Empty Space's revival of Fav'rite Nation

could do with sharpening and tightening. There is a lack of tension, as well as a certain looseness of structure. Why, for instance, do we see so much of Tom Coulthard as the children's writer George Macdonald? Just because he was a friend of Ruskin's? Or because his steady good sense and relatively conventional lifestyle make a contrast with the critic's oddities? Or to remind spirit could take many different shapes?. Whatever the ex-

figure never fully earns its dramatic keep.

Coulthard also plays one Edward Bond, who (as if you cious 20th-century playwright of Marxist dye but a 19th-century mother's boy feebly enamoured of Octavia.

The acting is fine, the stag-ing excellent in its minimalist way, and Empty Space is once again to be congratulated for its enterprise in picking an unusual subject. But has it made the most of its choice? No, not quite.

Out on Faust base

ITS great to have genius of course, but keep that old horse before the cart - you gotta have heart. That is the defiantly anti-intellectual refrain of a chorus of baseball players, fans, housewives and devils as the curtain falls on Richard Adler and Jerry Ross's musical. It is, however, a song that raises as many questions as it answers, for the hero's heart has spent the evening pulling him in opposite directions.

Which is more important, the success of the baseball team you support or the security of hearth and home? That is the choice which faces middle-aged real-estate sales-man Joe Boyd. When Satan offers him the chance to become a young sporting hero and restore the fortunes of his beloved Washington Senators, he barely hesitates. But socking homers into the Potomac does not compensate for the loss of his wife, who lives only for him and her bridge club. and he starts to reconsider the bargain. Can you imagine a more American dilemma, especially in 1955, when the show first hit Broadway?

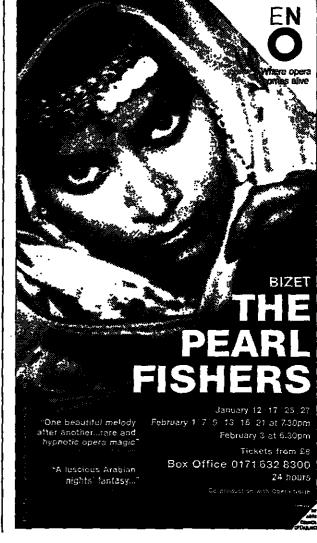
I must say that I could not have cared less. Indeed, I kept wishing good old Joe would solve his and my problems by beating himself to death with

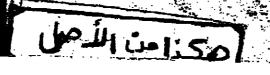
Damn Yankees Bridewell

calfe's revival is a game effort, and pretty ambitious for a smallish fringe theatre; but it cannot conceal the fact that this is not a musical that shrinks well. Damn Yankees seems small, skimpy and awesomely sentimental.

It goes without saying that there is little chance of recreating the smell of the stadium, or the thrill of the game, on a plain stage surrounded mostly by amateurishly painted period ads. Nor has it the blend of skill and zip needed to bring off a production number. The pluses, such as they are, are nice tunes, passable lyrics and the odd decent performance.

Peter Gale makes a sly. smirking demon, and Liz Izen has her moments as the vampish she-devil who, in a twist typical of the evening, thaws to her victim because he is "such a good loyal dumb ordinary man". And Daniel Brown's young Joe certainly justifies her write-up. He is a clean-cut cross between Barbie's friend news-free afternoon: just what the show demands, and just







■ CHOICE I

Christopher Hampton's version of A Doll's House comes to Battersea

VENUE: Tonight and all week at the BAC



■ CHOICE 2

Tim Supple's superb Grimm Tales brings a chill to Leicester

VENUE: This week at the Haymarket







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Pop, but with a dark political passion: Colin Self's work goes on show at the Tate

GALLERIES: Michael Archer reassesses a provocative British practitioner of Pop

Dark side of the boom

The term Pop Art suggests an exuberant celebration of our consumer society. In Pop painting and sculpture. images drawn from films. adverts, comics and the news media, junk food and massproduced goods vie with one another to promote the desirability of modern life.

Among British artists whose work was associated with the movement in the early 1960s. Colin Self is something of a special case. Unlike most of his contemporaries, even those who were critical of life's illusions and superficialities. Self spoke openly in his work of the fears that underlay the Western enjoyment of abundance.

Political intrigue, pretence. violence, destructiveness and, particularly, the nuclear threat: all figure consistently in Self's paintings, prints and sculptures. Glamour and seductiveness were there too, overwhelmingly as masking agents for an unsavoury realitv. A large, post-Prolumo painting from 1963, for example. shows Christine Keeler and Mandy Rice-Davies standing against an ideal blue sky while a B58 nuclear bomb-

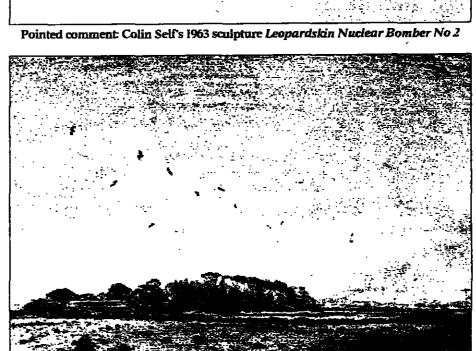
er flies overhead. That painting, unfortunately, is not included in the current display of Self's work at the Tate Gallery. The exhibition has been restricted to those pieces which the Tate itself owns. Nonetheless, it still amounts to a considerable show, incorporating some 50 items and covering the past 30 years. The display fills two rooms and should present an opportunity to place the singularity of Self's contribution alongside that of his better-

known peers.

Fower and Beauty, a series of prints from 1968, brings together human, animal and mechanical in a visual essay on the interplay between power, seduction and death. A fast car, a rampant peacock, a dead whale, an eagle, an armoured vehicle and its crew: each successive image churns the mix of wonder and dread. Two large shadowy female

nudes done at the end of the Sixties have the same tactile quality evident in the "anthropometries" made by the French artist Yves Klein. Klein, though, was a showman, getting his models to dunk themselves in blue paint and drag each other across a canvas. Self uses silver aerosol paint to produce ghostly forms that are far more reminiscent of the post-nuclear human shadows of Hiroshima. Likewise, his elongated Hot

Dog Sculpture addresses a Bomber from 1963 is a tenta-



Muckspreading Again ..."(Looking West — Evening, Fields and Farm in a Spinney - from South of Walcott near Happisburgh — towards Riddlington, Norfolk), 25 September 1983: Self still deals with social questions, but now in a rural context

familiar Pop theme, but its exaggerated dimensions evoke nothing like, say, the monumentality of Claes Oldenburg's scaled-up ice bags and hamburgers. Both sausage and roll are coated in black vinyl. an unwholesome finish suggesting that the dog is "hot" because of excessive radiation levels, and overlong as the result of some kind of mutation process.

Leopardskin Nuclear

tive affair, with one wing clad in fake fur, while the other is metallic with a USAF decal. but it is potentially lethal for all that. Bristling from the front end of its wooden fuselage is a clutch of nails.

The jaggedness of those points is picked up in the nearby Guard Dog on a Missile Base, No 1. Here the serrations of an alsatian's teeth are echoed by the nose cones of a row of rockets stretching across the paper.

After the 1960s, Self returned to his native East Anglia. In the years since then, his work has encompassed a proliferation of styles while retaining a core preoccupation with social issues and larger political questions, such as homelessness and money. Now, however, these are seen from a consciously rural perspective and in the light of Self's concerns for his own

family. Themes and images from

earlier pieces recur in this later work. The cartoon dog Pluto. drawn in 1964, reappears among the unnervingly cosy details of a montaged child's bedroom scene in 1993. There is also a Little Cuddly Baby Communist. The provisional nature of the Leopardskin Nuclear Bomber, or the Monument etching from 1964 fashioned from the impressions of mirror plates, returns in the ad hoc construction of Self's Bird Table drawn in 1987.

In a wall-mounted statement at the Tate, Self uses the term "works of fusion" to bring together the various techniques he is currently using. The comparison evoked is with the multifarious sources of music found in a multicultural city, a com-pound of different people in

> 6 Politics. pretence, violence and the nuclear threat recur in Self's work **9**

different situations. This, incidentally, is the only information provided by the gallery scant sustenance for anyone remotely interested in finding out about the artist.

This second room of the show, though, is less satisfying. Over and above the crosscurrents that are visible here. there are others that might have been shown had the exhibition borrowed one or augment the gallery's own and the political appear, undomains in Self's oeuvre.

Something from the "Primal two areas a little clearer. Self's early exploration of cinema interiors, too, is little in

The one large painting included in the exhibition is Large Harvest Field and Woods near Happisburgh. Norfolk. Bereft of comparative material, its solid blue sky is unable to echo the dream space of the advertising world whose terrilying implications were analysed in the earlier

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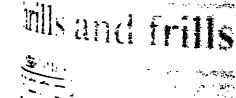
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he future of the the-atre is in mime. I am not suggesting that all actors should be condemned to silence, but consider the spectrum of work that goes under the umbrella of mime and its offshoot, physical theatre. What the best of it has in common is a concern to balance words and actions on stage - more or less what Shakespeare had in mind. And for that matter, Aeschylus, Molière, Goldoni and Brecht, too.

On the other hand, go to almost any West End play today and you will see people largely sitting about, talking. Occasionally they might get up and pour themselves a drink or wave a pistol at someone. But the event could as well take place on television, or even on radio.

The issue is both important and urgent because, given crisis levels of funding in the arts, if the theatre is to survive the millennium, it must stake out its true territory. It must do

what television cannot. This is why the London International Mime Festival, which begins on Friday, is so essential: it is our annual reminder that the actor is the centre of the theatre, and that the body, not just the voice, is the actor's instrument.

This year's festival is characterised by its provocative diversity. Nola Rae directing seven Swedish clowns in a version of Lorca's tragedy The House of Bernarda Alba is one thing, but what is Pina Bausch's former dramaturg. Raimund Hoghe, doing in the festival with Meinwarts, his haunting requiem for the victims of Nazi oppression? The solo performance is full of compelling images but certainly has no mime.

and Day-Glo dazzle of Cirque du Soleil's thrilling Saltimbanco (currently packing the Albert Halli, the French troupe Rasposo recreates the quieter magic of an 18thcentury circus, set to the music of Mozart and Vivaldi. Twenty

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groups will take part in the festival.

The past ten years have seen huge changes in our theatrical landscape. One of the most startling is that the mime field has been steadily absorbed by the mainstream. To take two examples, the maverick Steven Berkoff is now almost part of the Establishment, while Theatre de Complicite can regularly fill the National

There is now a clear trend of

6 Good mime training can return some dignity to an actor **9**

directors such as Mike Alfreds, Declan Donnellan, Stephen Daldry and Katie Mitchell bringing with them to the national theatres a more physical style of performance, which means fewer chairs on

Take Simon Callow's directorial debut with the Royal Shakespeare Company later this month. He has chosen to adapt the famous 1945 film Les Enfants du Paradis, which centres on the 19th-century mime Deburau.

Mime at the RSC? What is Callow, a man of words, up to? "I can't pretend I'm doing it in order to revive the art of mime," he says. "It's an exploration of romantic love within theatrical context. But the whole piece does require a tremendous level of physical commitment, which is why I've had everybody mime classes."

Giving the RSC actors their crash course in mime is Steven Wasson, who was for many years the assistant to Etienne Decroux, the father of modern mime and the man who devised the pantomime sequences for the film. What a good mime training can do is to enliven and give back some of the dignity to an actor."

claims Wasson. "I have a lot of confidence in mime because I think a more physically orientated theatre is the future. Even at the RSC, What happened with mime was that a seed was planted and it's starting to grow."

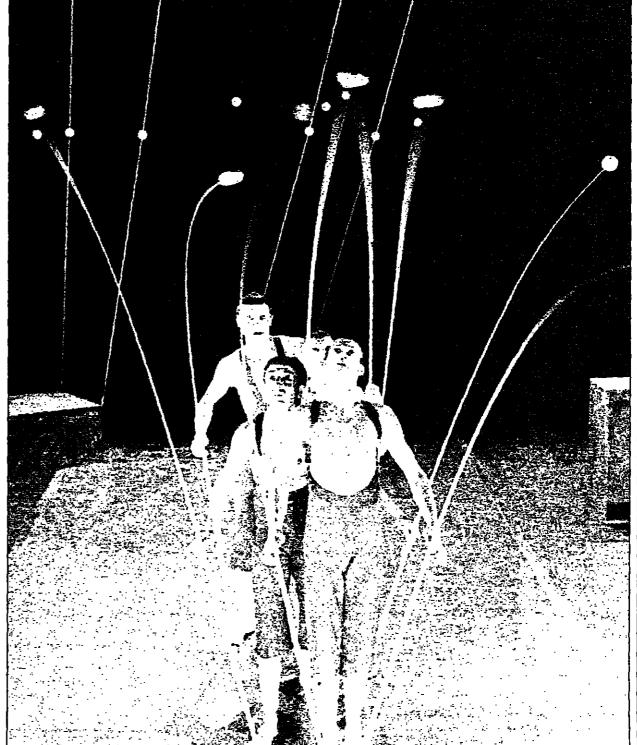
What Decroux gave the European theatre was a thorough system of physical ex-pression. Before him, no one had researched the physical art of the actor so meticulously and scientifically. He taught Jean-Louis Barrault, who played Deburau in the film, and also Marcel Marceau. Today, five years after his death, he is more than ever the cornerstone of the whole movement, even though many of those who do physical theatre may not have had direct contact with

This duality between tradition and innovation accounts for the vitality of physical theatre. Wasson, for example, appeared with his company Theatre de l'Ange Fou in last year's Mime Festival, reconstructing some of Decroux's mime compositions from the 1930s, but he also pursues an

methods.

experimental line of his own. For those who are getting on with it, the situation is excellent. The problem is that in Britain, the tide of new mime talent has ebbed. Until he lost his funding, Bim Mason had his own group, Mummandada, but he is now a freelance director. His production of Peasouper for Reject's Revenge comes to the mime festival trailing clouds of glory as a Fringe First winner at last year's Edinburgh Festival.

Mason, however, sees his funding situation has changed everything," he says. "There are no jobs. The scene has completely collapsed. Nationally there are less than a handful of groups making a reasonable living. So it's not going to attract the bright



Jerome Thomas Company (France) in Hic Hoc, one of 20 acts appearing at the London International Mime Festival

people it attracted in the early thing to do."

in order to stay affoat, opt for easy laughs at the expense of content. Mason blames audience tastes and the pressure of market forces. "A lot of the more sophisticated work simply does not survive touring into the prov-inces," he says. "People won't

go to see it. They just want a good story and a good laugh. They want to be entertained. What they don't want is excitdon't really want to go home thinking about it. This means that groups can no longer afford to take risks because the promoters won't buy the

Bim Mason's solution has been to run his own circus and physical theatre school, Circomedia, in Bristol. "We're just trying to keep the flag flying." he says. "It's that desperate." moment, staming is every-

thing. Young mimes have their hearts in the right place but they need time to develop their skills if they are to make it eventually to the big stages. Decroux himself subsidised his research into mime by

appearing in films. His work was widely recognised only late in his life, but the theatre

> ● London International Mime Festival, at various venues from Jan 12-28 (0171-637 5661) Les Enfants du Paradis opens at the Barbican (0171-638 8891), on

> today, from the RSC down, is

it: "Genius fades. People die.

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Heat of the moment

IT BEGAN with a James Brown-style fanfare of horns and an unlikely promise: "Are you ready for one of the best shows of your damn life? Either that or your money back!" The man offering this deal was a burly singer and guitarist with a black quiff and implausible sideburns, rejoicing in the name of Speedo. And, while his spiel was pure fairground huckster. it was clear from the first riff that Rocket From the Crypt meant business.

Named after a street gang. they come from San Diego. and although they have put America since they convened in 1989, this was the six-man group's first British show. Even so, a strong word-of-mouth reputation had en-

> Rocket From the Crypt Garage, N1

sured that this sweaty North London club was jam-packed. Mixing the hell-for-leather aggression of the great British punk bands, particularly the early Clash, with the traditional swagger of American rockabilly, they played with ferocious attack and a ready smile. The sound was glued together by the astoundingly propulsive drumming of a man called Atom, while trumpeter J.C. 2000 and saxophonist Apollo 9 contributed a distinctive touch of pizazz and Speedo's singing recalled that of Graham Parker at his most

For all the unhinged mania of the group's performance. their songs were short, tightly focused bursts of energy. My Arrow's Aim recalled the choppy riff of the Who's I Can't Explain, and the manic terrace chant of Middle neatly paved the way for the magnificently anthemic new single

Born in '69. Quibbles about the overall of dynamics in the set, or the way in which the horns and vocals tended to get lost amid the relentless mélée of hurtling guitars, paled in the face of the exhilarating impact of the show as a whole,

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NEW MUSIC: More wise heads on youthful shoulders

Dianists came to the fore in the second pair of L Park Lane Group concerts for new young talent. First up was the Korean-born Eun-E Goh. long based in London. She was attended in the audience by many of her compatriots, bouquets at the ready, their solidarity of support perhaps reinforcing the steel fingers needed for much

of her programme. She paid tribute to her fellow Korean, Isang Yun, who died last November, with his Five Piano Pieces, her thoughtful approach making musical sense of his sometimes wayward figuration. It complemented Frank Martin's engaging Fantasie on flamenco rhythms, two tightly wrought Studies by Ligeti, and

the vivid Papaloti (Butterflies) by the Mexican Javier Alvarez. Both this pianist and her successor at the later concert, Rachel Beckles Willson, a specialist in Hungarian music from her studies in Budapest. are possessed of enviable mu-

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sicality to match splendid technique. Willson had fun with pieces by Gyorgy Kurtag, and premiered a multifacuted piece. The Passing of Neptune by Laszlo Tihanyi, in which the quasi-astrological associations of the planet seemed to bring corresponding irrationality into the music.

On more conventional ground with Elliott Carter's relatively early Piano Sonata. she brought a perceptive intellectual grasp of its weighty substance to add to a dazzling

keyboard brilliance in its faster sections.

This programme was shared with a different pianist. Karen Suter, as partner to the flautist Siobhan Grealy, except in another Carter piece. Scrivo in Vento, in which the unaccompanied flute traces contrasting musical ideas stimulated by a Petrarch poem. A Duo for Flute and Piano by Copland revealed a lyrical sensitivity in the flute playing, which otherwise found itself tested to extremes in two other works.

One was the premiere of Begin Afresh. Afresh. Afresh. by David Warburton, the title a quotation from Larkin, and the music atternating wispy introspection with more cheerful ideas, but over-long for its content. Anthony Gilbert's The Incredible Flute Music of 1968 wore its 12-tone technique like a presently forgotten fashion, without stirring nostalgia for its return.

NOEL GOODWIN

Good fun on the Bayou

ALTHOUGH the multicoloured robes and snakeskin accourrements have been replaced these days by a relatively sober suit and a snappy wide-brimmed hat. Dr John is clearly still the Night Tripper. the embodiment of New leans music, for the enthus-iasts who packed Ronnie Scott's for the first night of his

week's residency. Backed by a punchy septer. the New Island Social and Pleasure Club, spearheaded by the doyen of R&B saxophonists. Alvin "Red" Tyler. John began his set with an old favourite, Iko Iko. The title of the 1972 album from which this song was taken. Dr John's Gumbo, could not be bettered

JAZZ

Dr John Ronnie Scott's

as a metaphor for the steamy melange of musical styles which informed the planist/ singer's performance.

Relatively straightforward jazz was represented by two numbers taken from Dr John's latest hig-band album. Afterglow: Don Redman and Andy Razaf's Gee Baby Ain't ! Good to You and the Irving Berlin perennial. Blue Skies.

The former received a slinky,

laid-back treatment: the latter

drew a typically sinewy solo from Tyler on tenor to complement the leader's insinuating. gravelly vocal.

But it was the quintessential New Orleans fare which provided the evening's most ribust highlights. Rollicking parade music, rolling barrel-house piano, percussion interludes featuring cowbells and shakers, snatches of Down by the Riverside from Charlie Miller's strident trumpet, and a climactic band-introducing closer featuring an unusually varied round of solos, all mined the extraordinarily fertile seam of that city's musical traditions.

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There is cause for optimism in the commercial property sector, Christopher Warman reports

Retail leads recovery

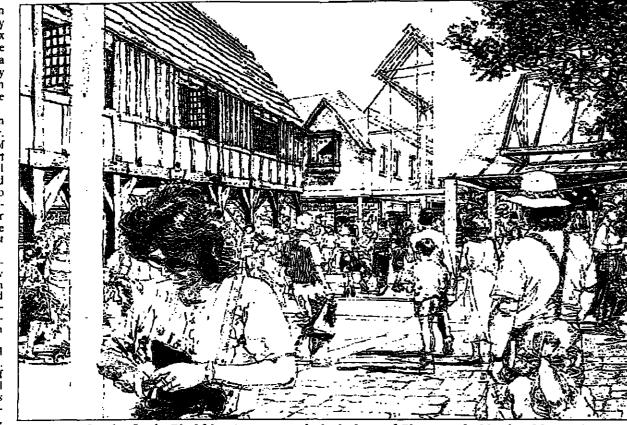
The main growth in commercial property retail sector, according to a survey published this week by the Confederation of British Industry and Grimley, the property advisers.

The survey, carried out in October and November. showed that 45 per cent of companies which took part expected to increase their retail property holdings, compared with 14 per cent expecting to reduce theirs, continuing evidence that it is the retail sector that is likely to lead the commercial property market out of recession.

This third six-monthly survey of commercial property trends shows that out-of-town sites remain the preferred locations, but that town centres are becoming more popular, particularly for firms in the office and retail sectors.

An illustration of the retail strength comes from Reading. where Reading Oracle, one of the largest town centre retail developments in the UK, has been granted planning approval. The £200 million scheme, providing 710,000 sq ft. is a partnership between BICC Developments and the borough council, and work is expected to begin this autumn. At Gloucester, Arrowcroft has submitted a planning application for a \$50 million redevelopment of the Blackfriars town centre site of 250,000 sq ft. of which 190,000 sq ft is retail. Arroweroft was selected by Gloucester City Council as preferred developer.

The tone of the CBI/ Grimley survey is one of caution, with companies less optimistic than six months ago, and expectations for much weaker growth in busi-ness. This is likely to result in a more subdued demand for property: 28 per cent of companies expect to reduce their property holdings over the next six months, while only 23 per cent expect to increase their holdings. This compares with the past six months, when 26 per cent increased their holdings and 24 per cent cut theirs. The stagnant market is reflected by the statistic



Arrowcroft's plan for the Blackfriars town centre site in the heart of Gloucester, looking into Mercers Square

that half the responding companies do not expect to change their property holdings in the next six months, and did not make any changes over the past six months.

The subdued atmosphere of the commercial property market is confirmed by an assessment from the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, which reports that after an encouraging start to 1995, business confidence fell, developers remained hesitant, and the biggest slump was in the office sector. Long leases no longer suit increasingly short business plans, and worries over rent, rates and other outgoings have constrained

business occupiers. This gloomy picture of 1995 is lightened, however, by Graham Chase. RICS commercial spokesman. who says: "I expect to see a real improvement in commercial property, with confidence in the business community strengthening as the economy grows. Further reductions in interest rates and unemployment should boost consumer confidence and demand."

The CBI/Grimley survey shows that for the third consecutive period, smaller companies are more optimistic than larger companies. Companies with fewer than 2,000 employees have increased their property holdings over the past six months, and expect to do so again, particularly companies in construction, distribution, transport and communications.

ommunications and transport companies failed to fulfil their strong expectations 78 per cent of companies who expected to increase their hold-

igs, only 26 per cent did so. Those companies expecting to spend on property over the next six months are doing so for increased efficiency rather than for expansion of capacity or replacement of property.

property which represents the Sudhir Junankar, CBI associlargest of the corporate fixed ation director of economic analysis, says: This is not assets. As reshaping continues, large companies are expected to continue reducing the costs of their property surprising in the more subdued business climate. With holdings. This is likely to be largely offset by small and growth expectations weaker than in our last survey, commedium-sized companies panies are now becoming growing and needing bigger more cautious before deciding to invest in property."

In the past six months, the eatest increases in property holdings were in the West Midlands, North, Scotland and Northern Ireland, with East Anglia the only region where property holdings were cut. The South East is the region expecting the greatest increase, followed by the West Midlands. North and Northern Ireland. Those expecting a drop are Scotland. Wales and East Anglia.

 CBI/Grimley Property Trends.
 CBI Economic Trends Department, Centre Point, 103 New Oxford Street, London WCIA IDU. or Grimley, 10 Stratton Street, London WIX 6JR.

A musing site in the City

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The Helicon, at Finsbury Pavement in the City of London close to Moorgate and Liverpool Street stations, is claimed to be the first major development to go under construction in the City since the recession. Christopher Warman writes.

It is due for completion in July. when Healey & Baker. agent for the developer, London & Manchester Assurance, believes there is likely to be a shortage of modern space.

The building will have 129,000 sq ft of speculative office space, probably for multiple occupation, and 96,000 sq ft of retail space which will be the first Marks & Spencer department store in the City.

The development marks the latest chapter in London & Manchester's history with the site, one of the few island sites in the City. In the 1930s it developed Imperial House, in the 1970s Verum House, and in 1987 it reacquired Dominion Buildings. At the height of the property boom in 1989 it sold



Offices to let: the Helicon in the City of London

the site for £75 million to Land and Property Trust which went into liquidation. and subsequently bought it back for £17.5 million.

London & Manchester

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ARGENT Group has secured finance for more than million so it of office development, with an esti-mated end-value of £350 million. The developments, Governor's House in the City of London, six office buildings at Brindleyplace, Birmingham, and four at Thames Valley Park near Reading, are to be developed by Argent Development Consortium, made up of Argent, BT Pension Scheme and Citibank. Argent says the deal is the biggest development funding in the office sector this decade. Construction of the first

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Ltd and Sears Property Developments have sold the freehold of the historic build-On New Year's Day, Knight ing known as the "gateway to Islington" at 3-7 High Frank & Rutley entered its

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& Equity Group for £660,000. The 100ft Grade Π listed building was built in 1913 as the entrance to the upper stalls of the Angel Picture Theatre. Healey & Baker and Lamberts acted for Sears, and the tower will now be comprehensively redeveloped and restored.

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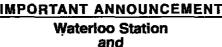
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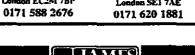
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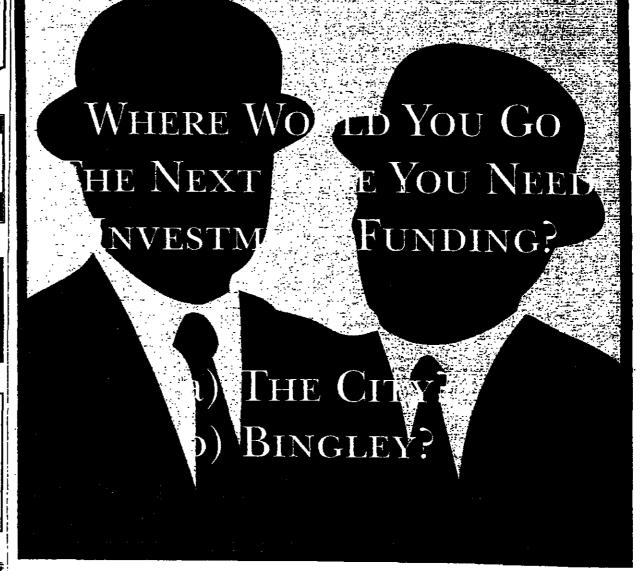
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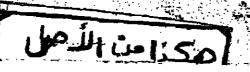
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about 20 applications for every secretarial vacancy, so they can afford to be choosy. But when it comes to considering a course to meet the requirements of a new job, so can secretaries. Courses have grown to match the more diverse role of the secretary, and many training centres plan developments for the

coming year.

Basic skills such as typing and shorthand still form the core of many courses, and speed is ever more important. Recruitment agencies will not consider putting on their books anyone with fewer than 55 words a minute.

Sometimes," says Darren Gristwood, a consultant at Masterlock Recruitment, "the speed of typing and shorthand can be the deciding factor." To the surprise of Nigel Knight, the Principal of St James's Secretarial College, shorthand is more in demand than ever.

'It seems to make secretaries that bit more attractive to employers," he says. But Mr Knight says that his students need and want something more. Journalism, public relations, advertising and sales used to be optional in secretarial courses, but over the

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past nine months they have become a key part of training programmes

He says: "Being able to type is like being able to drive. Boys and girls are expected to be able to do it. Students have to broaden their nets."

The shift in emphasis is proving popular. The college now has a waiting list for courses that also offer interpersonal skills such as "how to handle a boss who is a pain in

Mr Knight says: "When they are paying up to £14,000 a year, employers want a person who has confidence, a broad outlook, technical ability and, above all, reliability."
Pat Dunn of CBT Re-

cruitment, says: "The skill of

good communications comes up time and again in job advertisements, and should be in any course for secretaries. "Manners used to be vital: now getting on with people is one of the most important

Manners, deportment and presentation, once taught almost exclusively at "schools for young ladies", are now more widely considered. Sue Stratton, of CBT's educational division, says that image can still make the difference at

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young lady to see and one who isn't who do you think employstrated I was committed to getting into sales." ers will go for?" she says. Confidence is one attribute that is vital for secretaries. The Teaching dress sense is not Industrial Society is developusually covered on training courses, but by building confiing courses about presenting a

dence on self-improvement positive image to help secretaries to be efficient and to courses, smartening-up can "look the part".

The society's Marjorie Mair says: "We will be concentrating on effectiveness, and happen naturally.
The first such course for business, developed by the American Dale Carnegie in 1912, is now taught in 72 encouraging students to have a more holistic approach so countries, and there are six regional headquarters in the UK. Lizz Clarke, marketing director of Dale Carnegie UK. that they are capable of carrying out the managerial tasks

says that through the 12 weeks

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now expected of them."

Courses to teach secretaries

"In the past, secretaries used to be sent on minute-taking courses for meetings," she adds. "Now they will be taught how to manage and chair them." Having extra skills and being up to date with technology gives secretaries added flexibility if changing jobs, but

Steve Farrukh: he was told that his job had ended, but newly acquired language skills helped to win him a new post

it is important to have a career plan and to make sure learning can fit into day-to-day life.

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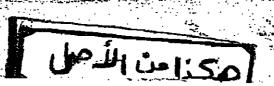
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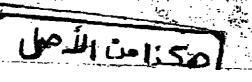
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Breeders voice disapproval over haste surrounding recent election

Pressure mounts on McCloy again

THE highly damaging prospect of the Matthew McCloy affair continuing to haunt racing became a worrying reality yesterday as grassroots members of the Thoroughbred Breeders' Association (TBA) voiced their criticism of the recently appointed British Horseracing Board (BHB) di-rector over his much-pub-licised arrest in New York. Although the McCloy affair

was not on the agenda at the TBA's annual meeting in London, two breeders were applauded when they spoke from the floor against the Newbury-based lawyer -- and thereby signalled the strength

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feeling which exists throughout racing.

Mrs Pat Clark, a Cornwallbased breeder and retiring member of the TBA council, said she spoke for many grassroot members of the industry when she criticised the undue haste surrounding the recent election of McCloy to racing's governing body. It appeared the BHB's executives were trying to find someone good for them and not

necessarily for the industry" She added: "The BHB is perceived to be struggling to gain respectability and to demonstrate its integrity and yet it railroaded this through at very short notice.

The result is that the troubled chairman of the BHB

(hurdies)

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2.15 (3m ch) 1. MASTER ORCHESTRA (J. F. Tidey, 9-4 law), 2. Glerdinn Princess (D. Byme 10-1), 3. Garrison Commander (P. Carberry, 4-1, ALSO RAN: 11-2 Camylough (f), 7 Bramblehill Buck (4th), 12 Universal Magn: 10u), 14 Big Arthur, Long Reach (pu), Lyme Gold (3m), Neuroe Mony (6th), 33 Mem For Af Saassn (ur), 65 Apri City (pu), Lo-Flyang Massle (f) 13 ran NR Autras, Marty's Folly, Shind, 2t, dest, 11t, 9-Mess H Kroght at Wartage Tote 62 80, ct. 50, ct. 140, 62 50 DF 512 20 Tho: 556 50 CSF, 525 43, Incast 353.38
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Lord Wakeham, left, and Gibson, the TBA's outgoing president, on parade yesterday. Photograph: Alan Weller

industry committee is now ensconced as a director of the BHB and thereby a representative of our interests until

well into the next century. "We therefore have to represent us someone in whom I and others have little confidence in his sense of judgment. This reflects sadly on the BHB's integrity."
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spoke of the "contemptuous" way McCloy had insulted people's intelligence by trying to claim that his court admission of disorderly behaviour was similar to a parking ticket

Collier said he had recently received a parking ticket but, unlike McCloy, he had not been handcuffed, involved in

offence.

breeder from Orsen in Essex, an altercation with police or spent two nights in the cells. "It is contemptuous to say it was just a parking offence."

The TBA has criticised Mc-Cloy and attempted to delay his election but after his unchallenged appointment declared the issue was closed. "There are a number of people here who do not feel this matter is closed and I think it may come back to haunt you for some time," Collier added. Privately, senior BHB fig-ures admit the McCloy saga has been a disaster. In retrospect, they wish he had been leant upon to resign — al-though it is far from certain he would have agreed to quit

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of many within racing. More worryingly, the acrimony his behaviour has caused, together with his uncontested elevation to a full BHB director, is in danger of undermining the board's activities.

Gerald Leigh, the TBA's

respected representative on the board's industry commit-tee where McCloy's appointment was agreed, said: "It was fully discussed and a vote was taken. There is a big agenda for the future and I have to work on your behalf to achieve the very best I can on topics of major interest. I cannot do it if this acrimonious attitude continues. The matter was decided democratically and there is nothing more to be said."

Aside from the McCloy affair, David Gibson, the outgoing president of the TBA, made a cogently argued case for the breeders having direct representation on the BHB rather than being represented by the industry committee's three directors.

If board representation was dependant on racing's aspira-tion to control the Tote and the Levy Board "breeders and trainers would be left in the wings for an indeterminate period, awaiting a small piece of political pie to fall from an

uncertain political sky". However, Lord Wakeham, chairman-elect of the BHB. said it was premature to contemplate changes to the board's carefully crafted constitution "at least until it extends its responsibilities, when a review will inevitably

be necessary". He added: "The BHB board is already large enough if it is to continue to function efficiently and if other interests justify representation in the future existing seats will need

KELSO

1.15 Seven Towers

2.45 DESERT BRAVE (nap) 3.15 Stop The Waller

GUIDE TO OUR IN-LINE RACECARD

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GOING: SOFT (GOOD TO SOFT IN PLACES)

1.15 BET WITH THE TOTE MOVICES CHASE

(Qualifier: £3,984: 3m 11) (16 numers) ### E3,984: 3m 11) (16 namers)

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BETTING: 11-8 Seven Towers, 5-1 by House, 11-2 Major Bell, 6-1 Dorlin Castle, 8-1 Servy, 14-1 Qual Medices,

FORM FOCUS

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1.45 BROUGHTON BEST CLAUMENG NURDLE (E2,227: 2m 110yd) (10 runners)

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BETTING: 11-10 Europust, 9-2 Aragon Ayr, 6-1 Mr Devious, 8-1 Nicky's Feelings, 10-1 Virstenbosch, Unsar Damong, 14-1 others.

ARAGOR AYR beat Rabel King heck in 10-runner handicap herdite at Ayr (5m, soft) peruferania start last season EUROTWIST 1/4 Jourd in to Jumpan Johanny as franklap handle here (5m 2, good to soft) MARICED CARD tabled off 3rd of 1/2 to The Stey Monk as novice handle at Heatage (5m 4) 110yd, soft) linal Start last season.

2.15 WILFRED & PATRICIA CRAWFORD MEMORIAL HANDICAP CHASE

BETTING. 2-1 Judicial Field, 5-2 Strong Approach, 9-2 Sonse Mo, 5-1 Fissh Qi Resko, 8-1 Soper Sandy, 12-1 Briss's Delight

STRONG APPROACH 41 2nd of 5 to Newhill Prince in handicap chase at Califerick (2m, good to firm) Previously beet Precipica Run 11 in 5-runner handicap chase at Carries (2m, good) with SUPER SANDY (1h better off) baied of last. SONSE MO beat PLASH OF REALM (13th better off) 10t at 7-runner handicap chase at Sedgefield (2m 11, good) SUPER SANDY beat Mondificable (2 in 5-runner novice chase at Headam (2m 110yd, soft) final start lest Statton. FLASH OF REALM heat Evening Rom. 71 in 6-sunner handicab chase at Catienta (2m, good to firm). JUDICIAL FRED bear Sheltar Wilchest 2 in 4-namer handisop chase at Catienta (2m 31, good to firm). SRIANTS DELIGHT 1141 2nd at 5 to Highland Peacher in nevoco chase at Sequeled (2m 11, good to firm). Selection: STRONG APPROACH

2.45 OGH AAR DARLY STAR NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE

(£2,918: 2m 110yd) (18 runners)

BETTING: 2-1 Colonel In Chief. 7-2 Desert Brave, 9-2 Jaurily Beneral, 8-1 Stone Fives, 14-1 Henry Hodel, 16-1 Highland Way 20-1 offices FORM FOCUS

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(good to soft). DARK BUDY 11/1 lext of 3 to Tom
BESERT BRAVE 51 2nd of 5 to Wasting Tall in
nonce hundle (2m 4f 1104d, good). HENSY
HOOLET about 108 6th of 18 to Tom Brodle in
Selection: JALINTY GENERAL.

3.15 PAT DE CLERMONT HANDICAP CHASE (£3,501: 3m 1f) (12 numers) 24-124 BACRALD STORM 46 (C.B.F.E.S.) IT Finch P Montains 9-12-0. G Cahill (7) 97 F1172-0 SON OF RIS & COLF.5.) GARS System: Light May Mercely 8-11-11 P Name 89 14-123P NAMEA 28 (D.F.G.S.) (Lord Cavendich) G Richards 8-11-10 ... A Double 98 29P711P- ARECKROMEY CHEF 326 (D.E.S.) (I Davidson) J H Johnson 11-11-10 Mr C Borner (3) 90 141442 BARNEY RUBBE 281 (D.E.S.) (I Boydson) J H Johnson 11-11-10 Mr C Borner (3) 90 13-1402 IOLDOLRAM 5 (CD.F.S.) (I Boydson) J H Johnson 11-11-10 Mr C Borner (3) 90 13-1402 IOLDOLRAM 5 (CD.F.S.) (I Boydson) J Goodslow 9-11-4 ... R Gaest 97 4179-22 STUP THE WALLER 4 (E.S.) (B Borgson) F Morris 7-11-2 ... P Carberry 89 F1422- BOLDEN FIDDLE 286 (S) (W Wason) J Close 8-11-2 ... B Storey 89 F1421 ROCKET RUM 37 (CD.F.S.) (P Reseal) Mcs. I Rescal B-10-12 ... A Thornton 91 F2F96-4F ROCKET RUM 37 (CD.F.S.) (P Reseal) Mcs. I Rescal B-10-12 ... A Thornton 91 F2F96-4F ROCKET RUM 37 (CD.F.S.) (R Green) C Parter 11-10-4 ... D Parter (3) 98 17-2-5 ROCKET RUM 37 (CD.F.S.) (R Green) C Parter 11-10-4 ... D Parter (3) 98 18-2-7 ROCKET RUM 37 (CD.F.S.) (R Green) C Parter (11-10-4 ... D Parter (3) 98 18-2-7 ROCKET RUM 37 (CD.F.S.) (R Green) C Parter (11-10-4 ... D Parter (3) 98 18-2-7 ROCKET RUM 37 (CD.F.S.) (R Green) C Parter (11-10-4 ... D Parter (3) 98 18-2-7 ROCKET RUM 37 (CD.F.S.) (R Green) C Parter (11-10-4 ... D Parter (3) 98 18-2-7 ROCKET RUM 37 (CD.F.S.) (R Green) C Parter (11-10-4 ... D R Green) RUM 3-7 (CD.F.S.) (R Green) C Parter (11-10-4 ... D R Green) RUM 3-7 (CD.F.S.) (R Green) C Parter (11-10-4 ... D R Green) RUM 3-7 (CD.F.S.) (R Green) C Parter (11-10-4 ... D R Green) RUM 3-7 (CD.F.S.) (R Green) C Parter (11-10-4 ... D R Green) RUM 3-7 (CD.F.S.) (R Green) C Parter (11-10-4 ... D R Green) RUM 3-7 (CD.F.S.) (R Green) C R Green (11-10-4 ... D R Green) RUM 3-7 (CD.F.S.) (R Green) C R Green (11-10-4 ... D R Green) RUM 3-7 (CD.F.S.) (R Green) C R Green (11-10-4 ... D R Green) RUM 3-7 (CD.F.S.) (R Green) C R Green (11-10-4 ... D R Green (11-10-4 ... D R Green (11-10-4 ... D R GREEN R GREEN R GR

BETTING: 7-2 Emerald Storm. 4-1 Rocket Run, 5-1 Stop The Welfer, 6-1 Lupy Minstell, 8-7 Ninda, Son Ollins, 18-1 others.

BMERALD STORM 8½14m of 16 to frigh Paste in handicap cluse at Newcastle fam, pood) with LUPY MRSTREL (48th better off) 311±18th and 50N OF RIS (30) worse off) 431 13m (7th and beaten when left last) NRFA hers eithor last season when 33+2 and of 6 to Romany Creek in handicap cluse at Warwack (2m 4th 110/et, good to 50h; and 50h (2m 50h), and 6 to Romany Creek in handicap cluse at Warwack (2m 4th 110/et, good to 50h; and 50h (2m 50h). LUPY MRSTREL (17th better off) history of the best off in 10-buster better at the season beat Person House 6 in 10-buster better 4 but 12 bit Firefeigh Builds in handicap cluse at Newtastle (3m, good), WiCDN-18 (2m 4t, good to firm), Selection: ROCKET RUN completed double, beat Grand Scenty 30 in 10-buster modes class at Massestourgh (2m 4t, good to firm), Selection: ROCKET RUN

3.45 MEDDLEMAS TAVERN CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP HURDLE

(£2,402 2m 2f) (7 runners)

Long handitag: Marco Magnifico 9-13 BETTRIS. 11-4 Magno Magnetico, 3-1 Precipice Run. 7-2 Scarta, 9-2 Steadlest Elike. 8-1 Coqui Lane, 12-1 Callemoy, 16-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

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COURSE SPECIALISTS s JOCKEYS

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Plumpton waterlogged

TODAY'S meeting at Plumpton was called off because of waterlogging at an inspection yesterday morning. After heavy rain overnight Cliff Griggs, the clerk of the course, said: "The course is waterlogged. The going was soft, heavy in places, and we had two inches of rain last night and that was it." It is the 45th fixture of this National Hunt season to be lost to the weather.

Jodami's

return on hold

JODAM1 was yesterday ruled out of the Monkton Handicap Chase at Wetherby tomorrow after suffering a minor setback. "He's got a bit of muck in his throat and he just isn't quite right at present," his trainer. Peter Beaumont, said.

The 1993 Gold Cup winner has been on the sidelines since his narrow victory at Kelso in November. "This is very frustrating as we've been waiting a long time now to give him another race after all the abandonments, it makes it worse because he's been in super condition until now." Beaumont said.

The Wetherby race looked an ideal opportunity for (3-Y-0: £3.884: 7) (11)

Jodami after the race planners had agreed to make the race an open handicap.

Jodami is now likely to

tackle the Peter Marsh Chase at Haydock on Saturday week before attempting to win the Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup at Leopardstown for the fourth year in a row.

The trainer is still uncertain whether Jodami's main tareet this season will be the Gold Cam or the Grand National But Cheltenham is still a strong possibility after One Man's impressive showing at Sandown.

"People seem to have forgotten that Jodami was giving lolb when he was beaten by One Man at Ayr in November. In the light of what's happened since, that was a great performance," Beaumont said.

□ Nicky Adams was suspended for two days (January 18-19) for improper riding on Rowlandsons Charm in the

WOLVERHAMPTON

GOING: STANDARD DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE

1.30 JAMUNA MAIDEN STAKES

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAPIERS: P Mitchell, 3 winners from 10 runners, 30.0%, M Johnston, 30 from 112, 26.0%, May M Reveley, 11 from 43, 25.6%, F Lee, 3 from 12, 25.0%, Lord Humstagdon, 15 from 62, 24.2%, C Smath, 3 from 14, 21.4%. JOCKEYS: J Wener, 45 arrorers from 269 rides, 21.5%, G Caster, 20 from 116, 17.2%. T less, 20 from 117, 17.1%, P Fessey, 4 from 24, 16.7%, B Cochrane, 13 from 63, 15.7%; P McCabe, 5 from 42, 14.3%.

THUNDERER 1.00 Live Project 1.30 Note Of Caution, 2.00 Brookhead Lady, 2.30 Swordking, 3.00 Nigel's Lad, 3.30 No Submission, 4.00 Shadow Jury. The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.00 NIGEL'S LAD.

1.00 basil selling stakes

2.00 BAILEY CLAIMING STAKES (£2,838: 6f) (13)

11-4 Red Acutsle, 3-1 Str Tasker, 7-2 Best Kept Secret, 4-1 Jügsze Boy, 6-1 Sense Ol Phority, 10-1 Promise Fulfitigd, 12-1 others.

fonward to 4.00 at Wolverhampton loday) CSF. £146.84. Tricast: £1,051.15 3.30 (8) 1. CHEWIT (Cantly Morris. 12-1), 2. Pageboy (J. Fortune, 9-2 g-lay); 3. Robo Magic LJ F. Egan. 9-2 J-lay). 4.850 RAN. 11-2 Ultra Beet (sit), 6 Anzo, Spender, 8 Pab's Choice, 11 Four Dt Spades (éth., Square Come, 14 Hennain's Usher (6th., 20 O Factor, 25 Rockwise Pfes, 33 Wightack Farmer, 13 ran. 5, 11, 3, in., 14. A Moore at Brighton Tote. 59.80; 52.80; 52.00, 52.10. DF 548.10 Tric. 590.70 CSF 557.43 Tincast. 5288.83. 4.00 (1m 2) 1. CHINA CASTLE (J. Fortune, 7-4 tay. Private Handicapper's top rating); 2. Domoor (J. Weever, 7-2); 3. Thomboun Esiste (Dean Mickown, 7-1). ALSO RAN: 5 Kissing Gate. 9. Staring Fellow. 10 Bue Plyer (8th.) 16 Mortecthisto (4th), 20 Four Weddings, Superoy (5th), 25 6e8e's 8oy, 50 Tartan Express. 11 ran. 14, 134, 43, 21, 21 Placepot at Michelitare. Tote: £2.00; 21, 10, £13.00 Trics. 52.46.1. Jeelpot not won (pool of £22,514.02 carried forward in Wolverhampton today). Placepot £107.20. Quadqot not won Jyool of £104.20 carried forward in Wolverhampton today). Renown Claiming Stakes at Lingfield yesterday.

POINT-TO-POINT FIXTURES FOR THE 1996 SEASON Tanatside at Evton-on-Severn.

January 13: Army at Larkhill.

14: Cambridgeshire Harriers at Contenham: Ganth & South Berks at 20: Point-to-Point Owners' Club at

27: Hursley Hambledon at Badbury 28: Dunston Harriers at Ampton; West Percy & Milvain at Anwick February

2: New Forest at Larknill: North Comwall at Wadebridge, Old Raby Hant Club at Witton Casile, Oxford University Hunt Club at Kingston Bicart, Thurlow at Horseheath 4: North Western Hunts Club at 10: Cambridge University Drag-flounds at Cottenham: East Cornwall at Great Trethew, South Dorset at Mitogree St Andrew.

11: Badsworth at Wetherby: College



Valley & North Northumberland at Almeck; South Midlands Area Hunt Club at Heyttrop; Tweseldown Club at Tweseldown Club 17: Essex Farmers & Union at Marks

17: Essex Farines & Renfrawshire at Lanarkshire & Renfrawshire at Lanark; South Pool Harriers at Offery SI Mary, United Services at Larkhil; Valle of Cletter at Env Lon; West Shropshire at Weston Park.

18: Lincolnshire United Hunts Club at Market Person. 18: Lincolnshire United Hunts Club at Market Fasen.
24: Berwickshire at Friers Haugh: Bolventor Harriers at Lemaile; Mendip Farmers at Castle of Comfort. North Nortolk Harriers at Higham; Sinnington at Duncombe Park.
25: Cranwell Bloochounds at Southwell; Mid Surrey Farmers Draghounds at Charing.

March

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2: Beautort at Didmarton:
Chiddingtold Leconfield & Cowdrey
at Parham. East Devon at Clyst St.
Mary. Sir W w Wyrn's at East Hell:
South Cornwall at Great Trethew.
South Durham at Great Stainton;
Suffolk at Ampton; Tynedale at
Corbridge
3: Burnon at Market Rasen; Farmers
Bloodhounds at Heythrop; Ross Harriers at Gemons
9: Avont Vale at Barbury Castle,
Brecon at Llanlynach; Cottesmore at
Garthorpe; Curribertand Farmers at
Daison; Derwent at Charm Park;
Essex at High Easter; North Ledbury
at Upton-on-Severn; Oaldey at Newton Bromswold, Silverton at Haldon;
South East Hunts Club at Charing;

10: Staff College & RMA Draghounds at Twessidown 18: Cambridgeshire at Horseheatr, Egiinton at Larark, Gelfigaer Farmers at Magor, Holderness at Dation Park New Forset Buckhounds at Larkhit; Duantock Staghounds at Cothel-

stone
17: Blankney at Southwell,
Carmarthenshire at Erw Lon; Dert
Vale & Haidon Harriers at Ottery St
Mary; South Herefordshire at
Garnors; West Street-Tickham al
Dettron

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23: Bramham Moor at Wetherby: Clifton-on-Terme at Upper Sapey: Crawley & Horsham at Parham: Curre at Howick: Duke of Buccleuch's at Fnars Haugh; Easton Harriers at Higham; Lamenton at Kilworthy: South Wold at Market Resen; VWH at Siddington; Weston & Barwell Harriers at Colhelstone; Witton at Bactoury Rings.
24: Flint & Denbigh at Eaton Hall; Mid Devon at Clyst-Si Mary; Morpeth at Tranwell.

Tranwell.
30: Cambridge University United Hunts Club at Cottenham; Heritaway Club at Chaddesley Corbett, Monmouthshire at Llanwapley; Tadworth at Barbury Castle, Western at Wadebridge.

31: Belvolr at Garthorpe; Cettistock at Littlewindsor; Cheshire Forest at Sudlow Farm; Dumfriesshire at Lockethre; Hurworth at Great Stainton; Tryyside at Pantyden; West Kant at Penshurst; Windsor Forest Bloodhounds at Tweseldown.

2: Heythrop at Heythrop

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3: Ashford Valley at Charing; Blackmore & Sparkford Vale at Chartion
Horethome; Cleveland at Staunton:
East Sussex at Marks Tey; Ledbury at
Maissemore Park; Llangfloby at
Howick, North Staffordstrire at
Sandon; Percy at Alhwick, Royal
Artiflery at Larkhiff; Spooners & West
Dartmoor at Cherrybrook, United
Pack at Brampton Bryan; Vale of
Aylesbury at Kamble, Vale of Lune
Harriers at Whitington, Woodland
Pytchley at Dingley.
8: Brases of Deplement at Tranwell Fast

Pytchley at Dingley.

8: Brass of Derwent at Tranwell, East Kent at Aldington; Eggesford at Bishopsleigh; Essex Farmers & Union at Marks Tey; Four Burrow at Wadebindge; North Cotswold at Andoversiond; North Shropshire at Exton-on-Seven; Old Berkshire at Lockinge, Southfown & Eridge at Heathfield; South Notts at Thorpe Lodge. South Permbrokeshire at Lydsley; Staintondale at Charm Park; Taunton Vale at Kingston St Mary; Vine & Craven at Hackwood Park. 9: Croome & West Warwickshire at

at Figg Moor.

13: Bicester with Wheddon Chase at Kingston Blount; Brocklesby at Brocklesby Park, Chashire at Alpraham; Glamorgan at St. Hilary; Ludiow at Bitterley; Old Surrey & Burstow at Penshurst, Portman at Badbury Pungs: Puckeridge at Horseheath. Tetott at Litton; West Somerset Vale at Cothelstone.

Heathfield
24: Cotswold (evening) at Andoversiond; Teme Valley (evening) at Brampton Bryan.
27: Albrighton at Weston Park; Atherstone at Cition-on-Dunsmore; Berkeley at Woodlord; File at Balcomo Mans; Fizwilliam at Cottenham; Llangeinor at Margam; Tiverton Staghounds at Bratton Down; York & Alnsty at Easingwold.
28: Berks & Bucks Dradhounds at DOWN: Tork & Arristy at Easingwood.

28: Berks & Bucks Draghounds at
Barbury Castle, East Sussex & Romney Marsh at Bechil; Grove & Rufford at
at Southwell, Seavington at Littlewindsor; West Midlands & Weish
Border Hunt Club at Bitterley; West
Norfolk at Fakenham.

May 4: Devon & Somerset Staghounds at Holnicote; Lauderdale at Mosshouses; Modbury Harriers at Flete 8: Torrington Farmers at Umberleigh.

14: Jedforest at Friars Hauch, Middleton at Whitwell-on-the-Hill; Pytchley at Guisborough.

17: Tiverton at Staffenge Thome.
20: Axe Vale Hamiers at Stafford Cross; Bedale & West of Yore at Horrby Castle. Dammoor at Flete Park: Essex & Suffolk at Higham, Holcombe Hamiers at Whittington. Pentyrch at Llarthwit Major, South & West Witts at Larthill; Worcestershire at Chaddesiey Corbett
21: Grafton at Mollington: Isle of Wight at Tweseldown: Maynell & Bouth Staffordshire at Sandon: National Point-to-Point Festival (PPSA) at Garthorpe. Pembrokeshire at Heathfield
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27: Albrighton at Weston Park: Atherstone at Childro-on-Dunsmore; Berkeley at Woodlord. File at Bacomo Mars; Fitzwilliam at Mollington. Border at Cotoride.

19: Bleester with Whaddon Chase at Mollagton. Border at Corbridge, Wheatland at Wolverhampton. 25: Duherton East at Mounsey Hill Gate; Melton Hunt Club at Garthorpe;

Tradegar Farmers (evening) at Bassaleg 26: Thamas Valley Combined Hunts Club at Tweseldown.
27: Altrighton Woodland at Chaddesley Corbett, South Tetcott at Litton

June 1: Exmoor at Bratton Down

Chapman

relishes return to Leeds

ties, and we helped to turn it round. It was a great first few

months there, but after a time

I did miss the big-time atmo-

sphere. And motivation hasn't

been as great as it was at Leeds, that's for sure."

That may be an understate-

ment. After leaving West Ham

last season, Chapman went to

lpswich as cover for lan Marshall. This season, with

Marshall back to fitness,

Chapman has been unable to

claim a first-team place, playing only two games. "I under-stood the situation, but it is a

little difficult," he said. "It's a

lovely little club. Ipswich, but

it's not the same as Leeds

United, the atmosphere, the ground, the players around you. It's a big difference." With McAllister, Speed and

Dorigo still at Leeds, there

were enough familiar faces

around yesterday to welcome Chapman back, and promise

the service he needs. Motiva-

tion will not be a problem, but

a return on such a large stage

will be a test for a player of his

age. "I'm a big-occasion play-er," he said, insisting that his

fitness is as good as three or

four years ago.
"He's trained with us today,

and I can't see any reason

why, if he has to play, he couldn't produce the goods on a short-term basis," Wilkinson

said. "He responds to the high-profile situations. You

can't expect 42 to 46 games out

of him, but I don't expect that."

or two, maybe, or come on as

sub. For match fitness, your

first game is the easy one; if you have a second three days

later, that's the problem. But given his situation, I'm sure

he'd be well pleased to face that one. And I saw from our

practice game that he still likes

scoring a goal."

Chapman, like the central defender, Richard Jobson, is

cup-tied and so cannot play tonight in the Coca-Cola Cup

quarter-final against Reading at Elland Road, but although

Yeboah has left, Masinga has

delayed his departure for

South Africa until tomorrow

pended Deane. On Saturday,

Chapman's chance.

against West Ham, it could be

☐ Members of the Nigeria

team confirmed yesterday.

after meeting the country's

military ruler. General Sani

Abacha, that they would not

be defending the African Na-

tions Cup this week. The

Nigerian government's deci-

sion to withdraw, because of

fears for the safety of players

in South Africa, was an-

decision will free players such

as Daniel Arnokachi, the

Everton striker, for an imme-

diate return to club duties.

nounced ten days ago. The

"I want him to play a game

serves to Leeds United is a sizeable jump at any time. For a 36-year-old striker apparently with his best years behind him, it looks like a leap across the Grand Canyon, but Lee Chapman leapt at the chance to taste the big time once more when Howard Wilkinson, the Leeds manager, rang him before Christmas to put him on stand-by to return on a month's loan.

Yesterday, the promise was fulfilled when Chapman returned to the club where he had enjoyed the most success-ful spell of his career, scoring 62 League goals in 137 games as Leeds won the second division title and the League championship. Even with Deane, his replacement as the big forward dear to Wilkinson's heart, suspended, and Yeboah and Masinga away at the African Nations Cup. the move still stunned football.

Even forearmed with the knowledge, Chapman, too, was taken aback, "It feels



Chapman, who trained with Leeds yesterday

really weird to be back," Chapman said as he surveyed the imposing stands of Elland

But he was clearly savouring the moment back in front of the television cameras after the days in the wilderness of Endsleigh Insurance League, or worse, the Avon Insurance Combination. "I'm just glad to be involved in the big time again," he said.
"When I dropped down

from Leeds it was a bit of a culture shock. I'd gone to Portsmouth, and we were at Grimsby one evening. I looked around and thought, 'last season I was playing in the European Cup, what am I doing here at Grimsby on a winter's night?" It is difficult.

When I went to West Ham United with the two Liverpool boys [Marsh and Burrows]. they were relegation certainRussell Kempson on

keep smiling despite personal tragedy

o many, Bryan Gunn is no more than a fully union — the Association of Psychologically Unbalanced Goalkeepers. Being born in Scotland ensured enrolment at an early age and he approves, an almost unique concept among even his wacky fraternity, of the much despised back-pass law - thou shalt not handle the ball. He has been known to venture upfield for a corner and would love to be clad in a similar hue to that of Jorge Campos, of Mexico, whose goalkeeping jersey positively yawns in all its glorious

fluorescent technicolour. There is also the hair. Sometimes long and lank, occasionally with pony-tail accessory, sometimes short and spiky, sometimes nonexistent. Kojak between the sticks, perfect fodder for the average, mealy-mouthed op-position supporter. Gunn, of Norwich Ĉity, is an ideal candidate for honorary membership of the crazy club; only Bruce Grobbelaar ranks

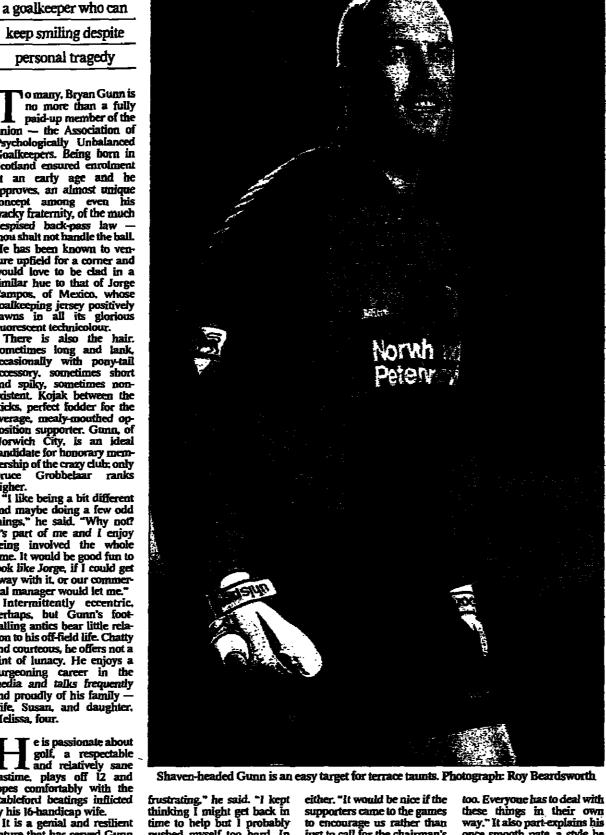
"I like being a bit different and maybe doing a few odd things," he said. "Why not? It's part of me and I enjoy being involved the whole time. It would be good fun to look like Jorge, if I could get away with it, or our commer cial manager would let me."

Intermittently eccentric. perhaps, but Gunn's footballing antics bear little relation to his off-field life. Chatty and courteous, he offers not a hint of lunacy. He enjoys a burgeoning career in the media and talks frequently and proudly of his family - wife. Susan, and daughter.

e is passionate about golf, a respectable and relatively sane copes comfortably with the Stableford beatings inflicted by his 16-handicap wife.

It is a genial and resilient nature that has served Gunn well in recent years, when he has been dragged through the full range of emotions, from the euphoric to the tragic. Third place in the FA Premier League in 1993 led to a brief but fancy flirtation with the Uefa Cup, which included a memorable victory over Bavern Munich and an admirable display in defeat against Internazionale.

On the flip side, a freak injury against Nottingham Forest a year ago - a dislocated right ankle and fractured fibula - kept him out for the remainder of the FA Carling Premiership season. As Gunn rehabilitated. Norwich plummeted into the Endsleigh Insurance League first divi-sion. "Getting relegated was bad enough but having to sit and watch it was doubly



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Gunn still crazy after all these tears

pushed myself too hard. In the end, I had to let nature take its course."

Gunn, 32, is now fit again. He has missed only two matches, through suspension in his tenth season at the club and is confident that Norwich can still make a swift return to the Premiership. Although he is also quietly optimistic of adding to his six Scotland cans, he concedes that it needs a more settled atmosphere in the manager's office and boardroom before any

objective can be met. Mike Walker, Gary Megson and Martin O'Neill have been and gone in the last two years, with Megson now back as manager, while the continual baiting of Robert Chase, Norwich's financially prudent chairman, has done little for peace and harmony.

to encourage us rather than just to call for the chairman's head," he said. Starting tonight, perhaps, in the Coca-Cola Cup quarter-final against Birmingham City.

haired figure shortly before kick-off and another apparent quirk of character will be revealed. He will take an antique locket from his goalkeeper's bag, kiss it and then replace it alongside the family photograph he also carries with him. The locket contains a few strands of hair of his elder daughter, Francesca, who died, aged 22, from an acute strain of leukaemia 34

"It's just nice to have it with me," he said. "I still visit her grave before every home game and I find that helps,

POINTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First di-vision; Newcastle 0 Derby 2 Postporaet: Wolvertamption v Trammers. Second di-vision; Leoester 3 Bradburg 2 Third division; Stockport County 0 Wirestam 1. FA YOUTH CUP: Third round: Queens Park Rangers 2 Brentord 0: Caystal Palace 7 Bracol 0

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once smooth pate, a style he periodically returns to. "Francesca was losing her hair after treatment and I just wanted to show her there was nothing wrong about it and noth-

After her death, he immersed himself in an appeal for leukaemia research. It proved a rewarding and therapeutic exercise, eventually accumulating more than £400,000. "If it helps find a cure, then it's all been worthwhile," he said. Although inclined to dwell on the past. particularly from a personal perspective, Gunn relishes the future. He is due a testimonial next season, his wife is eight months pregnant and there are promotion and international ambitions to fulfil. And he still wants to

glow like Jorge Campos.

QUEENS CLUB: Peel, Hant British under

24 doubles championehip: Finet T Sawrey-Cookson and J Larken bt M Windows and A Smith-Ringham 6-15, 15-10, 13-18, 15-10, 15-0, 15-7.

REAL TENNIS

Confident | Reading head into unknown territory

By Russell Kempson

UNLIKE the FA Cup, which went mostly according to privilege and status over the weekend, the closing stages of the Coca-Cola Cup could be dominated by the Endsleigh Insurance League. It is already guaranteed one representative in the last four, with Norwich City playing Birm-ingham City at Carrow Road tonight, and the winners could be joined by Reading and

Wolverhampton Wanderers. Reading, with Newcastle United, are the only survivors who have not won the compe-tition in any of its five guises. it is their first appearance in the fifth round and, when they trot out at Elland Road this evening, it will be the first time they have met Leeds United in cup combat. "We're looking for an attacking display." Mick Gooding, Reading's

joint player-manager said.
"We've nothing to lose."

Bobby Mihaylov, the Bulgaria and Reading goalkeeper, is unlikely to play because of a persistent thigh strain. He has played only five matches since moving from Botev Plov-div for £300,000 in September, and his stay at the Berkshire club could prove brief. Reading have invested in Nicky Hammond, from Plymouth Argyle, for £40,000, and Eric Nixon, on loan from Tranmere Rovers. With Hammond cup-tied, Nixon should make a swift debut.

Barry Fry, the Birmingham manager, has also been chasing a capable custodian. Ian Bennett, his No I, broke a hand on Saturday and Bart Griemink, his deputy, damaged an ankle in training. Paul Sansome has signed on loan from Southend United.

Discontent with Robert Chase, the Norwich chairman, among the club's sup-porters will probably manifest itself in further demonstrations tonight - win or lose but at least Chase is talking to potential buyers. He spoke with an American-backed con-sortium yesterday but was unimpressed by its plans. "It was not in my best interests and certainly not in the best interests of the club, he said. Wolverhampton visit Aston Villa with Mark McGhee,

their new manager, still searching for his first win after four matches. Highbury stages the remaining quarterfinal, with Arsenal hoping to shrug off their indifferent form in the FA Carling Premiership when they take on Newcastle, Bruce Rioch, the Arsenal manager, is considerng whether to risk recalling Dennis Bergkamp, who has had a calf strain.

David Ginola makes his first visit to the chib he turned down in favour of Tyneside. David Dein, the Arsenal vicechairman, tried to persuade the France striker to change his mind before he moved for 62.5 million from Paris Saint-Germain in August.

Bowlers curl up as Gooch proves cut above

FROM MELWEBB IN SHARJAH

MOST professional cricketers have sponsored bats, many wear freebie designer sunglasses and wristwatches, and rather fewer drive sponsored cars. Graham Gooch is, however, surely the only player in the country to have a sponsored haircut.

All right then, a hairpiece. Or to be strictly accurate, a fine example of the hair weaver's skills. Gooch, driven to the very edge of baldness by the trials and tribulations of the England captaincy, became a head-case last year. Those who laid the shag-pile on his cranium are proud of themselves. So they should be you really can't see the join. The new thatch suits him,

and so does his Barnett. The double t is deliberate, because Kim of that ilk was Gooch's ally yesterday as they produced a match-winning stand for the first wicket against India in the World Masters Cricket series. Barnett could have had the hair-restoring job himself a few years ago, but his glearning pate makes him a totally unsuitable case for treatment now.

The England openers put on . ; 156, the backbone of a comprehensive nine-wicket victory in: this over-35 competition. Eng-land won with four overs to spare and Gooch was still there at the end with 144, the highest score of the tournament. The fact that Derek Randall scored only 18 in an 80-run stand for the second wicket gives some idea of how dominant Gooth was.

It was a typical Gooch innings as he caressed the ball. at one moment and thumped the life out of it the next. The Indian bowlers deserved some pity; but not a lot. When Gooch is in this sort of mood, no side can bowl at him, let alone one packed with spinners on a batsman's birthday present of a pitch.

England became the first side in the competition to fail to bowl their allotted 45 overs and looked likely to have to score a dozen more runs under a competition rule that would fill this page and more and, in all probability, leave the reader little wiser. But they were finally spared the task by Clive Lloyd, the match referee.

The Indians, too, relied on ... two men. Yashpal Sharma hit the ball thunderously hard and thunderously far in an 80 that included four sixes and Sandeep Patil scored 41.

And that, it turned out, was more or less it. India competed for half-a-dozen overs at the start, but then Gooch and Barnett got stuck into the bowling. It was no contest as England cruised to victory and almost certainly a place in the final on Friday. For the. hapless Indians it was, you might say, a case of hair today and gone tomorrow.

SCORES: Indian XI 235-8 in 43 overs (Y Sharma 80, S Pasi 41); England XI 238-1 (G A Gooch 144 not out, K J Barnett 62). England won by nine wickets.

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10-0-47-1, Lee 6-2-26-0; Warne 10-1-37-1, Waugh 6-0-31-0; Bevan 5-3-0-24-1. Man-of-the-match: R S Kaluncharana. P W L Ps 6 4 2 8 .7 3 4 6 .5 2 3 4

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UNRECIND LEAGUE: President's Cup: Pirst round: Alfreton v Bostyn. Unifielia first division Cup: Second round replay; Farsley Celtic v Lancaster RUGBY UNION

LEAGUE OF WALES: Extra Vale Cumbran; Porthmadog v Holywell (7.45) COMBINED COUNTIES LEAGUE Pre-GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Promier di

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Royal Navy v Combined London CB (at Burnsby Road, Portsmouth, 7.0). Tennents Inter-district championship Scottish Exiles v South of Scotland (at Richmond, 5 0) Club match

Newcastle v Newcastle University (7.30) RUGBY LEAGUE

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(Aus) bt A Costa (Sp.) 4-8, 7-5, 7-5, M Norman (Swe) bt M Göllner (Ger) 3-6, 6-3, 7-5; G hantiseatc (Cro) bt D Prinost (Ger) 6-3, 3, 6-3, T Henman (Gel) bt M Philippoussis (Aus) 8-4, 6-2, T Woodbridge (Aus) bt D Vacek (Cr) 7-5, 7-6; C Antens (Ger) bt P Kidenry (Aus) 6-1, 8-4. Women: First round: T Jectnerika (Yug) bt M Oremens (Holf) 4-6, 7-6, 7-5; L Reymond (US) bt Martinek (Ger) 8-4, 7-5; L Reymond (US) bt M Sánchrat (Loranzo (Sp.) 6-4, 3-5, 8-5, 8-1 Sawamatsu (Japan) bt M Hingle (Switz) 6-4, 2-8, 7-5; B Schulzz-NetCarry (Holf) bt R McCullian (Aus) 6-7, 6-3, 6-4; I Sprinea (Rom) bt A Occhaume-Bellenst (Fi) 6-4, 6-4. AUCICLAND: Merr's bournement: First MCCLAND: Men's tournament First-round: J France (Arg) bt A Kitclesien (US) 3-6, 7-6, 9-4; M Derrum (C2) bt P Fredriesson (Swe) 5-7, 6-4, 6-2; T Emplet (Swe) bt R Flandsong (US) 6-3, 1-8, 6-0; C Adams (US) bt C Moye (Sp) 6-2, 6-4; J Novak (C2) bt A Volman (Floring 6-3, 7-7, 8-8 Steven (FIZ) bt M Ordruska: (SA) 6-2, 6-4; S Matsuckt (Japan) bt J Bloriman (Swe) 7-5, 6-1; J Yzage (Peru) bt N Marques (Port) 6-4, 6-3. HOBART: Women's burnament First round: L Chirard-Rubbi (Fir) bt B Peuluk (Austrie) 6-1, 2-6, 8-2; Y Basuki (Indo) bt A Sema-Zanati (In 6-2, 8-3; N Mayer (Japan) bt Y Kamio (Japan) 6-7, 7-6, 6-0; C Singer (Jan) bt K Negatous (Japan) 6-7, 7-6, 6-0; C Singer (Jan) bt K Negatous (Japan) 6-7, 7-6, 6-0; C Singer (Jan) bt K Negatous (Japan) 6-7, 7-6, 6-0; C Singer (Jan) bt K Negatous (Japan) 6-7, 7-6, 6-0; C Singer (Jan) bt K Negatous (Japan) 6-7, 7-6, 6-0; C Singer (Jan) bt Negatous (Japan) 6-7, 7-6, 6-0; C Singer (Japan) 6-7, 8-5, 8-6, 8-1, 8-1, 8-1, 8-1, 8-2, 8-3, 8-3; V Puzmo-Pencual (So) bt B Bein-staction (Juster) 7-6, 6-1; S Elevod (Austrie) 7-6, 6-1; A Elevod (Austrie) 7-6, 6-1, 6-8, 7-5; J Halami-Decugis (Fr) bt Park Stang Hee (S Kor) 6-0, 6-3,



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Folly of allowing the flower of our youth to wither

rer so slightly far-fetched a thought, I know, but all the same, what if Mozart had been an English footballer? That is to say, a wunderkind, a prodigy; the master, at an impossibly young age, of all the mances of his chosen medium?

I ask this rather lunatic question in the wake of the Chelsea-Newcastle United game at the weekend, when Michael Duberry, a young centre back with a handful of games behind him, put up a titanic performance to dominate Les Ferdinand, something no one else has managed all season. A prodi-

gy. nothing less.
So will he be whisked straight into the England team now, while every aspect of his game rejects any possi-bility of personal fallibility, or

TIM HENMAN and Greg

Rusedskí gave British tennis a

fillip in the build-up to the

Australian Open with unex-

pected first-round victories in

the Peters International tour-

nament in Sydney yesterday.

Rusedski beat Richard

Krajicek, the No 2 seed, 7-6,

7-6, and Henman had a

comfortable 6-4, 6-2 victory

over Mark Philippoussis.

While Rusedski's triumph

over the world No 11 was

encouraging, Henman's suc-

cess was more significant as

Philippoussis is regarded as

the best Australian prospect since Pat Cash, who won

Henman, who beat Rusedski in the final of the

national championships in

Telford in November, out-

thought the Australian teen-

ager, whose game is built almost entirely on power.

sometimes become a little one-

dimensional," Henman said

later. "I think that was really

the first time I have played as

Henman, ranked 46 places

below Philippoussis in the

world, at No 95, believed his

Australian expectation.

well as I can play."

'I don't know if I outsmarted him but his game can

Wimbledon in 1987.

for that matter, mortality? I

fancy not.
It would be the same with Mozart. "Well, Terry, bow do you respond to the clamour in the press that you pick young

"Well, young Wolfy's a great little player, got a lot of promise, but it's too early for him; the boy needs more time to develop, to work on a few more aspects of his game. If he can learn to be consistent, I don't doubt that he'll force his way into the reckoning."

Perhaps we should have

Mozart as a cricketer, a scintillating batsman with the confidence, style and technique that has set the county circuit on fire. "Will you pick him. Ray?"

"Er no, the time's not yet ripe, we'll send the lad out on half-a-dozen A tours first. You

Henman provides

fillip with triumph

over Philippoussis

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

ed to power, saying he had simply had a bad day.

Henman felt his victory and

Rusedski's win over Krajicek

demonstrated that British ten-

nis was emerging from the doldrums. "In the past we've

relied only on Jeremy Bates,

but with Greg and I playing

better, hopefully we can put

British tennis back on the

map," Henman said. "In the

past ten or 15 years we have

Born in Montreal, Rusedski

became a British citizen last

year and is ranked 38th in the world. He now feels that he

has been accepted by other British players. "At the begin-

ning there were a few players

who said something but we all get along very well now,' Rusedski said.

Henman is relishing

Rusedski's decision to play for

Britain rather then Canada.

"A few of the players had some

problems, but I was never

dissatisfied with the situation

has a British passport, he's

before

. he has a British mother, he

— I have no problem

can't just walk into the Eng-land side, he's still got a lot to

India had when they picked Kambli and Tendulkar, both in their teens, against England a few years back. Both averaged more than 100 as England lost three successive Tests. Nor was it the policy that Pakistan adopted when they picked Waqar Younis, also in his teens.

Waqar was then a great burly youth who looked as if he had been shaving since the age of five and, almost at once he became one of the great bowlers of modern times. What would have happened to him in this country? Coached to become a trundler, perhaps, or told that he was a cricketing nonentity whose only asset was pace.

players fell along with

Krajicek, there were no prob-

lems for Goran Ivanisevic, the

No I seed. The Croatian was harely extended in a 6-3, 6-3

triumph over David Prinosil.

of Germany, who arrived in

Sydney only yesterday morn-

ing after reaching the semi-

finals of the Qatar Open at the

his preparations for the Aus-

Melbourne next week, by

playing in the Kooyong Clas-

Krajicek replaces Pete

Sampras, the world No I. who was forced to withdraw from

the event because of a virus.

Also in the Kooyong field are Andre Agassi. Yevgeny

Kalelnikov, Jim Courier, Wayne Ferreira, Patrick

Rafter, Michael Chang and

Stefan Edberg. Martina Hingis, 15, of Swit-

zerland, was twice warned by

the umpire after throwing her

racket during her 6-4, 2-6, 7-5

defeat by Naoko Sawamatsu,

of Japan, in the first round of

the women's event of the

Peters International. Hingis,

who missed four match

points, shrugged off her rack-et-throwing histrionics, say-

ing: "It's not broken, so there's

which starts today.

tralian Open, which begins in

Krajicek will now continue



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BARNES

an A tour or three. Now there is a sense in which all this prevaricating has its point. Young men on ly. For most of them, this is

All the same, in this country sporting administrators do tend to have a kind of institutionalised mistrust of the young. Odd, really, since sport is really for the young.

A place in a national team is seen as a reward, something you earn. You do so by having a good career, by being, in the main, the right sort. No lad, you don't go waltzing into a national team - you have to earn the right to be there. You have to do your time, do your porridge, wait till you become one of the grown-ups and join the

wily old pros club It is also a fact that most of the truly sublime talents in any game make their real talents known impossibly early: Pelé, Maradona, Cruyff. What would England have

mistakable talents?

I wonder, for example, if

England would have picked Ryan Giggs? Actually, they probably would - and played him in a constrained role along the left touchline ("don't forget to tackle back and mark your man at cor-ners, lad"), and then shrugged at his inability to translate club form into international achievement. Well, you pick boys.

For some players, their extreme youth is their best time, when their courage is at its highest, when fear of failure is at its lowest. But the system tends to be: don't pick him until he has had time for a little self-doubt to sink in. Older players are safe selections, known quantities. unlook an idiot. Managers rel-

Is it fair to say that this is the priority of all sporting managers in this country - to avoid the dread fate of looking silly? The tradition has been well-established. England team managers must be seen as grown-up, safe, sensihie types. There is in all English

national teams an inclination towards a conservative selection policy, of which the mistrust of youth is but the most obvious symptom. A safe squad. Is it so very surprising that English teams tend to fail at the highest

That Mozart, all show, never amount to anything; wouldn't touch him with a N BRIEF:

Wigan rely on Oldham to deliver their title

OLDHAM can wrap up Wigrugby league championship title by ending the pursuit of second-placed Leeds at Headingley tonight (Christopher

Irvine writes).

After their Regal Trophy semi-final defeat by Wigan last Saturday, Leeds recall Alan Tait at full back. Graham Holroyd reverts to scrum half to partner Garry Schofield at stand-off, with George Mann dropping back into the pack. Adrian Morley takes the place of the injured Mike Forshaw at loose forward.

Knock on Wood

Cricket: Marthew Wood, of Yorkshire, struck his second half-century of the match as England Under-19 moved into a commanding position on the second day of their three-day match against Mashonaland Under-21 in Harare yesterday. Mashonaland resumed on 22 for three and were dismissed for 143 to fall 135 runs behind on first innings.

SCORES: England Under-19 278 I/4 Wood 62) and 194-5 (Wood 76 D Sales 43) Mashonaland Under-21 143 (G Rennic 78, C Campbell 3-5, M Hoggard 3-47)

Swiss switch

Skiing: Three men's World Cup races later this month have been moved from Wengen to Veysonnaz. another resort in Switzerland, because of poor snow, the International Ski Federation said yesterday. Veysonnaz will stage downhills on January 19 and 20, and a slalom the next

Moving feast

Badminton: The English national championships at the Norwich Sport Village have been switched to April 2 to 4 from March 28 to 31 to avoid a clash with the Polish championships, which have been upgraded to a world grandprix tournament.

Real upset

Real tennis: Nick Wood, of Hampton Court, and Adam Phillips, of Hatfield, the No 3 seeds, upset Lachie Deuchar, the Harbour Club professional, and Jonathan Howell of the Oratory School, the No 2 seeds, 6-5, 6-4, 3-6, 6-5 to reach the final of the BNB Resources British professional doubles championship at Queen's

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Dog -

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Henman on the way to victory over Philippoussis in the first round of the Peters International in Sydney yesterday

with it." no problem. I'm not the only Philippoussis rejected sugges-Although a host of seeded one who does this." tions that his game was limit-Hyde Park provides Olympic focus

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THE Olympic Games of 2008 staged in Hyde Park, London? Or, more fanciful still, in Dublin? Both proposals are under discussion, the former the more serious and realistic. Both cities wait to see the highly relevant list of bids for 2004, which closes today.

A Dublin bid is the brainchild of Tony O'Reilly, the industrial multimillionaire and former rugby international. A London bid, utilising Hyde Park, for 2008 and, if unsuccessful, 2012, is the British Olympic Association's (BOA) possible alternative plan should the new national stadium be built in Manchester rather than Wembley.

If Hyde Park can hold a million people for a Pavarotti concert, it can accommodate a temporary athletic stadium with a 50,000 capacity for ten days, given its ten adjacent Underground exits. The appeal to the International Olympic Committee (IOC) of such an offer - with opening and closing ceremonies at Twickenham, would be comother attractions.

The BOA decided against a bid for 2004 immediately after Manchester's second failure, when Sydney was elected for 2000. Craig Reedie, chairman of the BOA, has had preliminary discussion with Richard Sumray, co-ordinator of a previous London bid defeated by Manchester, and will shortly be debating govern-ment attitude with both main



O'Reilly: multimillionaire behind potential Dublin bid

What Reedie has to prepare is an overall plan, embracing village, competitor-transport and main stadium, that would meet the demands of the IOC's evaluation commission.

*What could we show them at this moment?" Reedie asks. "It will take a vear to put a comprehensive plan in place, and clearly the national stadium, to be decided this spring, is crucial." So much depends on the

entry list for 2004. Peking is not, up to now, an entry, but is believed to have done a deal with Ted Turner, owner of CNN and the motivating force behind the Goodwill Games. to host the event in 2002. Peking would also be a serious Olympic candidate for 2008. Cape Town, if it can get past the evaluation commission's rigid screening, would be an irresistible option behind a personal appeal to the IOC

from President Mandela. In the absence of these two candidates, Rome may well win in 2004, making 2012 the next likely target for a European city. London is treading a

maximise its impact, it could defeat all rivals.

Dublin's interest is provoca-tive, never mind far-fetched. It has been mounted under the umbrella of the Dublin International Sports Council (Disc), a body intended to promote sport in the interests of tourism. O'Reilly is believed to have seen an Olympic bid as a pathway to personal IOC membership, but Patrick Hickey, president of the Irish Olympic Committee, was preferred in succession to Kevin

O'Flanaghan. "We've never been consulted by Disc and find it strange we're not involved," Hickey says. "We'd be up against cities with 70 per cent of the infrastructure, when we haven't got 0.7 per cent." French city of Lille became the eleventh candidate to bid for the right to host the 2004

Olympics, joining Athens, Rome, Stockholm, Istanbul, St Petersburg, Buenos Aires. Rio de Janeiro, San Juan, Seville and Cape Town. The winning city will be chosen by the IOC complex path yet, should it in September 1997.

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent South on this hand was Martin Barber, one of the TGR regulars He has paid £1,500 to the charity for the dubious privilege of playing with me in the Barnardos Bridge Tournament. When I asked him if he had money to burn, he said it was cheaper than

playing an evening of rubber bridge against Zia Mahmood. Dealer East Love all Rubber bridge **♣J105** YK8 +Q752 **◆**AQ87 N ₽A73 ¥Q7652 w. **FRIS ♦** J 9 5 4 3 **+ 10 8** . 3 **+**KQ9642 **♥ 10 4 +AK**

Contract: Four Spades by South. Lead: Ten of Clubs

East opened 1 NT (12-14) and North-South then bid to Four Spades. On the lead of the ten of clubs. Barber played the queen from dummy. This was an important move, as it preserved a major tenace in clubs against East's jack. (NB: If you are holding the equivalent of A Q and the opponent has K J. you have the "major" tenace and your opponent the "minor" tenace.)

East won and returned a diamond. Barber cashed a second diamond and played trumps. East took the second round and returned a third trump, won in dummy by the

Barber cashed the queen of diamonds on which he un-blocked the nine of clubs from hand. Then he ruffed a diamond and played off his last two trumps, leaving in dummy the king of hearts and the ace and eight of clubs. East still had to discard from the ace and jack of hearts and the jack and five of clubs. When he threw a heart, Barber exited with a heart and made the last two club tricks.

There is an evening of bridge on Tuesday. January 30, at the Draper's Hall, in aid of Barnardos. There are won-derful prizes, ranging from holidays in Spain to cashmere sweaters. Zia Mahmood and Bob Hamman will be present to give advice and exchange wisecracks. Tickets are £75 each for dinner and bridge. Black tie. Enquiries to Helen Hirons (Barnardos), telephone

0181-550 8822. ☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in section on Saturday.

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

a. Psychological disorder

b. Thai sea food c. Maori carving

MUSETTE

a. A canvas haversack b. Goddess of miner poets c. French ballroom dance

a. A filtration unit b. A siender Japanese bamboo c. The Hawaiian goose

HEROON a. Highland aquatic bird. b. A hero's mounment c. Heretic's torture instrument

CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Gambit accepted Matthew Sadler, the British champion, has become one of the world's leading experts in acceptance of the Queen's Gambit. In the Hastings Premier tournament, Sadler made excellent use of his expertise to defeat the former Russian grandmaster. Alexander Khalifman, who now represents Germany. Khalifman sacrificed a pawn for a vigorous attack but failed to break through against Sadler's rock-like defence. The British champion then transposed into a favourable endgame. which he decided by a king march to undermine White's

White: Alexander Khalifman Black: Matthew Sadler Hastings Premier, January

Queen's Gambit accepted 2 c4 3 N/3 Nbd2

Diagram of final position

chess Monday to Priday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday

WINNING MOVE

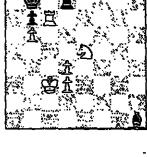
By Raymond Keene

Nd3

Bc4

White to move. This position is from the game Gallagher -Lane. Hastings Masters 1990. Joe Gallagher scored a grandmaster result in this tournament which helped him on his way to eventually claiming the title. How did he

force immediate victory here? Solution on page 46



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Confident Benn casts gaze beyond Malinga

NIGEL BENN, who makes the tenth defence of his World Boxing Council (WBC) super-middleweight title against the South African, Thulane Malinga, at Newcastle Arena on March 2, is determined to go on and seize the World Boxing Organisation title held by Steve Collins, of Ireland.

Malinga, 35, the mandatory challenger, has already lost to Benn in a non-title bout in Birmingham in 1992 "I'm not ready to retire." Benn, who aims to meet Collins later this year, said.

There are some good fights left in the old man yet. I still love boxing and I still have He will train with Frank Bruno, the WBC heavyweight champion, in Tenerife, and

has predicted that Bruno will

beat Mike Tyson in their bout

on March 16. "I was Tyson's biggest fan," Benn said. "But how can you be away from boxing for four years and be the same man? I believe in Frank. He hurt Tyson in their first fight and he can crack him open now. I'm having a

Henry Wharton, the European super-middleweight champion, will rely on tried and tested tactics when he Vincenzo Nardiello, of Italy, in Halifax on Saturday. Wharion was to have met

the durable No I contender. Frederic Seillier, of France, who was forced to pull out through injury. Wharton will rely on the strategy he used to defeat the Irish southpaw. Sam Storey, last November when he meets Nardiello, who is also a southpaw.

Scotland selectors search for elusive blend

The Scotland selectors are expected to revert to a trusted formula when they announce, later this morning, the side to play Ireland in the opening match of the five nations' championship in Dublin on Saturday week. Craig Chalmers, who did not play against Italy on Saturday, in what was a full international in all but name. is likely to be recalled at standoff half, with Gregor Townsend being switched to outside centre.

The matches against Westem Samoa and Italy, one drawn and the other lost. raised more questions than they answered, especially at full back, centre, stand-off and in the second row, where the selectors appear no nearer finding the best blend. The acute problem remains the lack of a proven goalkicker.

Chalmers, who has scored 131 points for Scotland and fulfilled the role of placekicker in the 1990 grand slam, would relish the opportunity and his absence against Italy. after an admittedly indifferent autumn, only reinforced how important he is, in an allround context, to the team. Having won 47 caps, he has proved himself at the highest ievei and he will surely have a point to prove to Jim Telfer,

the chairman of selectors. If Chalmers does kick, then Rowen Shepherd may be reprieved, but it is more likely that the Melrose full back will

Bowring includes five newcomers

Mark Souster expects Craig Chalmers to be recalled for the match against Ireland

the claims of Graeme Smith,

the under-21 international,

from Orrell, are being cham-

pioned. Some feel that Joiner

has been fortunate to remain

in favour and that he is still

too naive, especially in a one-

experiment of playing Townsend at stand-off, the

selectors may decide his pace

and creativity would be better

utilised wider out, where he

even Chalmers to take on the

opposition back row. Jardine

on-one situation.

make way for Michael Dods. of Northampton, Scotland's saviour against the Samoans in November, when he kicked five penalty goals. He could also inject some brio into a back division which, for all

Townsend's endeavours, has often looked predictable and unthreatening. Shepherd was expected to cut a dash from deep but his play has not been inspired since he succeeded Gavin Hastings.

Craig Joiner and Kenny Logan had little opportunity to impress on the wing in Rich and will be retained, although

against France last Pebruary, look the best combination in midfield. Injuries, several of them

and Townsend, who played

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long-term, to players of the calibre of Andy Reed, Peter Walton and Damian Cronin have restricted the selectors' options in the pack and at the lineout. Hilton, McKenzie and Peter Wright, despite renewed concerns about his After the failure of the prowess as a scrummager, should constitute the front row, with Campbell and Weir at lock. Scott Murray, who held his own against Italy, will be saved for another day. The Achilles tendon injury sustained by Stuart Reid could exploit space created by the willingness of Jardine and keeps him out. Ian Smith will probably win his thirteenth

cap in a rejigged back row which will see Wainwright on the blind side and Peters etained at No 8.

☐ What is expected to be the final inter-district championship draws to a close this evening when the Exiles, the champions and favourites to retain the title, meet the South at Richmond and Edinburgh play North and Midlands at Meggetland. The Exiles will finalise their side this morn-ing after wholesale withdrawals, including those of Townsend and Dods, and seven players from London Scottish, who play London Irish in an important league match on Saturday. Redpath, Chalmers and Shiel have pulled out of the South side.

Three great expectations

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TALK RADIO

"I like to communicate through action, not words." Thus Mother Nature (Jenny Eclair), narrating the first episode of her and Julie Balloo's comedy series about three women in the same street, all expecting a happy event. For someone who says she would rather act than talk, Eclair is surprisingly voluble. And very entertaining she is, too, with her one-line sketches of the mothers-to-be, their men and the not, with ner one-line specials of the incontact survey, then that aim the homes that proclaim the social status of their occupants. The upmarket Cilifords use bin-liners "that are not permitted to split". The Gordons have a flat "not big enough to read a broadsheet newspaper in", and the Martins have a letter-box jammed with junk mail "like a weeping eye chock-full of conjunctivitis".

London Philharmonic Plays Arvo Part. Radio 3, 7.30pm.

Introducing this recorded concert of works by the Estonian composer, Sarah Walker delivers a neat capsule judgment on an apparent paradox — the popularity of Part's spiritual music in a predominantly secular society. She likens the phenomenon to a tourist wandering around a cathedral. For me, tonight's highlight is what was the premiere of Part's Litany, which harnesses the Hilliard Ensemble and London Philharmonic Choir to the Philharmonic instrumentalists under Roger Norrington, Other works include the Symphony No 2, with its sections for crumpled Cellophane and 12 squeaking toys, and its borrowing from Tchaikovsky. Peter Davalle

Wales ask Thomas to bridge the generation gap

By David Hands, Rugby correspondent

potential; whether it is wise to than by the selection yesterday youngest, Leigh Davies, only 19 — for the pre-five nations. championship match against Italy at Cardiff next Tuesday.

With a couple of obvious exceptions, Wales have deliberately turned their back on a generation of failure in the hope that investment now will pay dividends in 1999, when they host the fourth rugby union World Cup. To that end, Kevin Bowring became the latest Wales coach to ask the public for patience as he introduces his style of play to

To some degree the changes - a total of eight from the team that struggled to beat Fiji 19-15 in November -- are governed by unavailability: Bowring could not pick Gareth Thomas, Nigel Davies, Neil Jenkins, Andrew Moore, the Swansea lock, and Mark Bennett because of injury. Two other youngsters, Christian Loader and Craig Quinnell, stand down, though

their time may come again. The most distinguished jersey in Welsh rugby, that worn by the No 10, will go to Arwel Thomas, 21, the Bristol standoff. Outside him are two new centres, Davies and Matthew Wintle (23), while the other newcomers come from the pack - Andrew Lewis, 22, the Cardiff loose-head prop, and Gwyn Jones, 23, the Llanelli open-side flanker, who, at a mere 6ft, is a reversion to

All are players of talent and

play them together against an experienced side such as Italy - themselves fresh from the victory over Scotland — is debatable. At least the return to the second row of Gareth Llewellyn, with his Neath dub colleague, John Davies, adds valuable experience to the pack but the back division has

find some cohesion. Thomas, 21. sustains the splendid sporting reputation of the little Vale of Neath village, Trebanos. Two recent

little enough time in which to

WALES XV

W J L Thomas (Lianelli); I C Evens (Lianelli), L Davies (Neadi), M E Windle (Neadi), M E Windle (Lianelli), A T Photox (Lianelli), A T Phomas (Bostol), A P Moore (Cardill); A L P Lewis (Cardilli), J M Humphreys (Cardilli, Cardilli), J D Davies (Neadi), E W Lewis (Cardilli), G O Llowellyn (Neadi), D Jones (Cardilli), B G Jones (Lianelli), H T Tayfor (Cardilli), B G Jones (Lianelli), H T Tayfor (Cardilli), D W Pages (Franchis) B Heighes (Pdictorian), S

Welsh stand-off halves, Jonathan Davies and Bleddyn Bowen, were born there, as was the England fast bowler, Greg Thomas, though the young student reckoned he comes from the "posh end" of the village. "It's going to be a big step," Thomas said, "but Kevin has shown a lot of confidence in us and I hope we

can repay him." Thomas, the first player from Bristol to be capped by Wales since Ronnie Morris in 1937, will also do the goalkicking. "He has matured a great deal since moving from Neath to Bristol." Bowring said, "but he has an unpredictability and a spontaneity which might be the catalyst for

flanker of Jones - and has been encouraged by the per-formances of the leading Welsh clubs in Europe this season. "It's early days for some of the players. I'm not saying they are the finished international product," Bowring said, "but I believe they have the potential and the ability. All of a sudden, they have the opportunity."

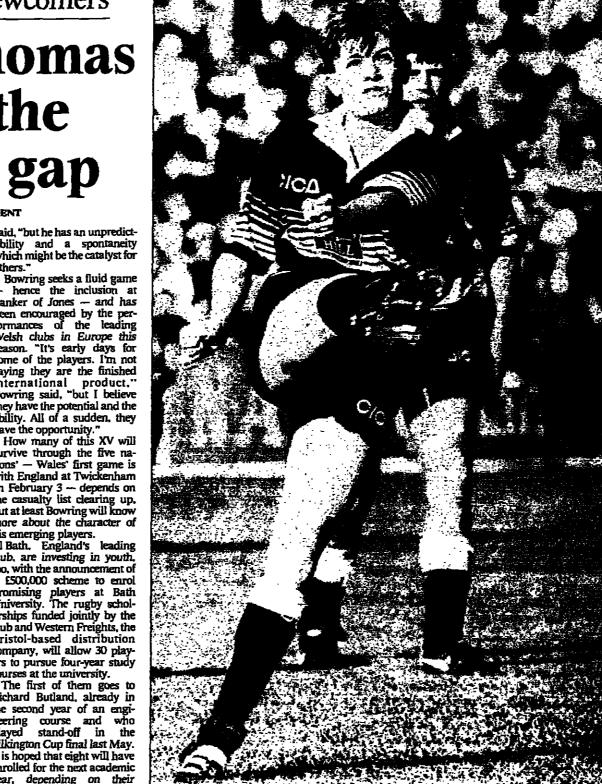
How many of this XV will

survive through the five nations' - Wales' first game is with England at Twickenham on February 3 -- depends on the casualty list clearing up, but at least Bowring will know more about the character of his emerging players.

□ Bath. England's leading club, are investing in youth,

too, with the announcement of a £500,000 scheme to enrol promising players at Bath University. The rugby scholarships funded jointly by the club and Western Freights, the Bristol-based distribution company, will allow 30 players to pursue four-year study courses at the university.

The first of them goes to Richard Butland, already in the second year of an engineering course and played stand-off in the Pilkington Cup final last May. It is hoped that eight will have enrolled for the next academic year, depending on their achieving the necessary academic qualifications.



Thomas, the Bristol stand-off, will be entrusted with the goal-kicking for Wales

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Answers from page 45

MATTHEW SYED, the England No I table tennis player, will reach the most important goal of his career if he earns a ticket to Atlanta - as he believes he should - during

the Olympic qualifying tour-nament that starts today at Nynex Arena, Manchester. If he does, the former Oxford University student will achieve his third outstanding feat within seven months.

Syed gained a first-class degree in politics and economics despite having played for his country for most of last season. He further confounded any doubters by regaining

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his England No I ranking by Christmas. Wins over three players in the world's top 25 -Peter Karlsson, Ma Wenge and Calin Creanga - have also carried him 20 places higher to a world ranking in the forties. "I'm in the best form of my

career. I'm delighted with it." Syed said. "Having my mind clear to concentrate on table tennis has been such a relief. I don't have to think about deadlines for essays all the time and I am showing the

Chen Xinhua, the former England No I, has been helping him and England's other No l, Andrea Holt, prepare for the five-day tournament. Chen and the English national champion, Carl Prean, are Great Britain's two nominations for automatic Olympic places, and Syed is unlucky not to have one of them, especially as Prean is refusing to play for England. Holt is one of three England women trying to qualify, the others being Lisa Lomas, the former European silver medal-winner and Alison Gordon, the former English national

champion. Holt and Lomas

both have reasonable chances of making it, even though the

field is strong.

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SION REPORTS McGugan 2.45 Letters from Here and There. Christopher Hope. writes from Budapest (2/6) 3.00 News; The Afternoon Shift AND 40 60 good varied fair cloud -1 (I-tigh winds and cloud glving tricky skiling) d 8 60 fair varied wom cloud 2 (High runs good but lower areas showing signs of wear)

Showgirls, opens 11.30-12.30am Volces, Seven Deadly Sins, lain Burnside tooks at some songs showing 6.55em Shipping Forecast (LW only) 6.00 News Bristing, inclineating 6.10 Fearming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today, Incl. 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News 6.56, 7.55 Weether 7.25, 8.25 Sport 7.45 Thought for the Day 8.40 Yesterday in Parliament 8.58 Weether 9.00 News 9.05 Midweetk, with 4.00 News 4.05 Kaleldoscope. Paul Gembaccini reviews Peter Yates's film The Run of the Country, and Devil in a Blue Dress 4.45 Short Story: At the Pit's Mouth, by Rudyard Kipling. Read by Brian Gest 5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather. 5.55 Weather. 6.00 News 6.30 Kit and the Wildow's Sound of Music 7.00 News 7.05 The Archers 7.20 Face the Facts. John Wate 8.58 Weather 9.00 News 9.05 Michweek, with Times columnist Libby Purves and guests 10.00-10.30 Netre; A Good Read (FM only). Edward Blishen, Nick Revell and Safly Vincent discuss three favourite penetraries 7.20 Face the re-investigates 7.45 Islam: A Faith of Question? Leila Bedawi explores the discuss three taxourite paperbacks 10.00 bifly Service (LW only) 10.15 This Sceptr'd late (LW only) 10.30 Women's Hour, with Jenni Murray, Serial: Lions and Liquorice, by Kate Senton 11.30 Gardeners' Question Time from Longcrott School, Beverley, North Humberside (f) 12.00 News; Yelr and Yours 12.25 pm Babblewick Hell. Third of a six-part, 18th-century sti-Leila Badawi et prejudices and misconceptions laced by Muslims in Britain 8.30 The Spirit of America, Caryl Phillips explores key moments in American history with str prominent African-Americans. In the lest of the series, the lawyer Johnnie Cochran reflects on the Los Angeles riots of 1992 that toflowed the a six-part, 18th-century sit-com written by Scott Cherry. With Nicholas Le Prevost note of test that volumes the acquitted of four white policemen charged with the assault of Rockey King 9.00 Reshpoints. Protessor John Durant recalls how we 1.00 The World at One, with Sheens MacDonald 1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Durant recalls now we reafised the destructive power of chemicals 9.30 Kaleidescope (f) 9.59 Weather 10.00 The World Tonight 10.45 Book at Bedfirms. The Shipping Forecast 2.00 News; The Monkey House, by Ted Moore. Harging the Monkey is the first in a series of three plays based on a Harilepool legend about a shipture key implies that was Harpole Report (8/10) 11.00 On Baby Street, See Choice 11.30 Paris London (Fell only). Comedy electries (f) 11.30 Today in Parliament (LW) 12.00 News, incl 12.27am Weather 12.30 The Late Book: Waybe the hanged by villagers as a French spy. With Carol

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Dying of neglect should not be a fact of life

Nightingale, apparently. Far from just lifting a lamp aloft when war artists were in the vicinity. Miss Nightingale was also a pioneer of mortality statistics, which shed light of a more metaphorical kind. In last night's Local Heroes (BBC2), the cycling boffin Adam Hart-Davis showed examples of her coxcomb" charts - coloured paper, spiralling outwards from a central point - which showed the stagger-ing numbers of Crimean soldiers killed by bad food and disease, as opposed to cannon-fire and cavalry charges. Such figures were unanswerable, she claimed. She said flatly: you might as well take these men out on Salisbury Plain and shoot them.

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Hart-Davis went on to tell us about an inventor of the propeller. too (or "propell-ah!" as he roundly pronounces it), but it was Nightingale's figures that stuck in the

mind. For later came Channel 4's Return to the Dying Rooms, with its plain facts and numbers about the death rate in Chinese orphanages. Nowadays we don't need a primitive pie-chart to show us that 90 per cent mortality simply cannot be gainsaid. A revised version of last summer's controversial film, Return to the Dying Rooms showed us the now-familiar images of toddlers tied to pottybenches and skinny female corpses with legs splayed. But it also claimed evidence of a deliberate policy in state orphanages to select children for a slow death of neglect. "Summary resolution" is the name for this policy. And as anybody post-Nightingale could point out, it would be kinder (and more honest) to take these girl babies out on Salisbury Plain. Return to the Dying Rooms was not a sensational or emotionally manipulative film. There was no Live Aid soundtrack of the Cars

singing "Who's Gonna Take You Home?". It was cool and factual. Its producers had copies of official reports, circulated at high party levels, confirming the extent of abuse, and confirming also that it was known. They had medical records charting the stages of malnutrition by which a starved child had died. Clearly the onechild policy is the culprit; and making those unwanted girl ba-bies disappear is a rather shortsighted solution. China already has 70 million surplus young men with nobody to marry. And let's face it, it is unlikely they will all

7 Isewhere on last night's television the main impulse was to entertain - or die in the attempt. BBC2 now has its late-night double-bill of cult comedy imports, The Larry Sanders Show and Seinfeld, starting at 11.15pm. This is a bit rich, actually - like REVIEW



putting peanut butter and jam in the same sandwich - but it is a brave stab at creating a new landmark in the schedule, and making the in-crowd turn up for

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eyelids stapled open. Meanwhile, early ITV episodes of Men Behaving Badly are getting their rehabilitation treatment on BBC1; The X Files are back to scare us witless; and in the peak

work on Wednesdays with their

slots we have Channel 4's Ride On (fun with transport), BBCl's sitcom Next of Kin (fun with grannie) and ITV's Outside Edge (fun with cricket pavilions). I watched the lot, which is quite a feat. My own eyelids now flap loose like tarpau-lins in a storm.

Outside Edge progressed mo-mentously last night, however, when the downtrodden cricket wife Mim (Brenda Blethyn) acquired a young admirer. She is accustomed, of course, to the cursory attentions of her husband Roger (Robert Daws), who declares "Love you all right OK fair enough", without punctuation. To have a young chap make cow-eyes at her will make a pleasant change. Meanwhile, in fur coat, lipstick and big specs, Josie Lawrence continues to molest her own husband Timothy Spall in full public view, and remarkably it is still funny when Spall retaliates by

calling her a dozy great lump.

These characters were so brilliantly written in the first place (in Richard Harris's stage play) that Outside Edge scems incapable of a false note, even when the story is unnaturally stretched. Do amaup to do the play, as they used to? Somehow I doubt it. They must be

I lassic vucky stuff from The X Files (BBCI) last night justified its 10pm start. The unflappable Mulder and Scully investigated a murder in a small town founded by circus freaks, where people hammered nails in their own noses as a form of greeting, and even Sheriff Hamilton was formerly Jim-Jim the Dog Faced Boy. Imagine going through your whole life looking like this!" mused the fine-boned Scully (Gillian Anderson), perusing a picture of the latest victim, "Alligator Man". Scully and

Mulder, of course, have no imperfections whatever. Even their raincoats don't have spots.

The murderer turned out to be a figure from Freudian nightmares a bloody, screaming, baby-faced incubus which scuttled at speed through a haif of mirrors. Nobudy had suspected its identity, since it normally resided as a living lump on the side of a big fellow named Lenny. But it had learnt to detach itself from Lenny and go hunting alone. When they finally deduced this astounding explanation. Mulder and Scully took it in their stride, as always, and set out with big handguns and firm chins. At the end, Scully received a lecture on genetic engineering from a man named Or Blockhead. "Imagine going through your whole life looking like him!" exclaimed the good doctor, indicating... Mulder. And not surprisingly. Scully looked at her exquisite partner in quite a new light.

BBC1

5.00am Business Breakfast (12652) 7.00 BBC Breakfast News (29093652)

9.10 Kilroy (s) (2139213) 10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (8395279) 10.05 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (s)

10.30 Good Morning with Anne and Nick (s) (72279) 12.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (6412381) 12.05pm Pebble MRI with Sarah Greene (s) (9723687) 12.50

Regional News and weather (13355942) 1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceelax) and weather (46010) 1.30 Neighbours (Ceelax) (s) (64424768) 1.50

Hawkeye starring Lee Horsley and Lynda Carter (s) (1582942) 2.35 Holiday (r) (Ceefax) (s) (4741045) 3.05 Timekeepers (s) (5884497) 3.30 Moomin (1188768) 3.50 Bitse (s) (1264132) 4.10 Rugrats (r) (s) (6861395) 4.35 Agent Z and the Penguin from Mars. Children's cornedy-drama

series (Ceetax) (s) (9148497) 5.00 Newsround (Ceelax) (4686519) 5.10 Blue Peter.

with (Ceetax) (s) (7757010) 5.35 Neighbours. Harmah is shocked when she

discovers her Aunt Lucy in a centrefold magazine (r) (Ceelax) (s) (283478) 6.00 Six O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (519)

6.30 Regional News Magazines (671) 7.00 This Is Your Life introduced by by Michael Aspel (Ceefax) (s) (3229)

7.30 May to December; Take Good Care of My Baby. Romantic comedy series starring Anton Rodgers

and Lesley Duniop (r) (Ceefax) (s) (855) 8.00 Paul Daniels' Secrets. Paul Daniels holds court as another selection of international performers keep the audience enthralied, or at least awake (Ceefax)

8.50 Points of View with Anne Robinson. (Ceelax) (s) (746403)

9.00 Nine O'Clock News (Ceetax), regional news and weather (6584) 9.30 Hetty Wainthropp Investigates: Eye Witne Light-hearted drama series about an OAP Pl. The Wainthropp Detective Agency gets another intriguing case when a bird watcher goes missing. and a young woman is found dead at the bottom of a cliff. With Patricia Routledge, Derek Benfield, Dominic Monahan, John Graham Davies, David

Bower and Ray Ashcroft (s) (702213) 10.20 Small Sacrifices. First of a two-part drama, based on a true story. A frantic mother drives into an Oregon hospital seeking urgent medical attention for her children. She claims they have been shot by a stranger, but the real story is far more complicated Gordon Clapp and Ryan O'Neal (r) (Ceefax)



Robert Mitchum goes east (11.55pm)

VARIATIONS

11.55 FiLM: The Yakuza (1975) starring Robert Mitchum and Takukura Ken. A bloodthirsty drama set in the violent world of the Yakuza, the Japanese mafia. Directed by Sydney Pollack (584720) 1.45am Weather (2357362)

BBC2

6.00am Business and Work: Nice Work (10294) 7.00 Breakfast News (Ceetax and signing) (6546687) 7.15 Lessle (3597565) 7.40 Stone Protectors (r) (7644720) 8.05 Run the Risk (r) (5604836) 8.35 The Record (s) (9888671) 9.00 Biltz on Cartooning (r) (21126) 9.30 Sesbrook's Year (r) (31045) 10.00 Playdays (s) (6375671)

10.25 FILM: Miracles for Sale (1939, b/w) staning Robert Young. Murder mystery directed by Tod Browning (5978519)

11.40 The Fugitive (b/w) (1750126)

12.30pm Working Lunch (35861) 1.00 Melvin and Maureen's Music-e-Grams (r) (s) (28261294) 1.15 Untamed Fashions (r) (1856923) 2.10 The Andrew Neil Show (s) (5811720)

3.00 News (Ceetax) regional news and weather; Westminster with Nick Ross (Ceetax) (7541584) 3.55 News (Ceefax) (5507107) 4.00 Today's the Day (s) (584) 4.30 Ready, Steady,

Cook (s) (768) 5.00 The Oprain Wintrey Show (Ceetax) (s) (7199584) 5.40 A Week to Remember (b/w). Pathe newsreel footage from 1956 (386887)

A Different Country Practice. An eight-part series on the work of the Airedate

NHS Trust (373313) 6.00 Star Trek: The Next Generation (Ceelax) (s)

6.45 The O Zone (s) (244300)

7.00 Natural World: The Echo of the Elephants Wildlife film that charts 18 months in the life of the matriarch of an elephant herd (r) (Ceefax) (s) (6213) 8.00 University Challenge. St Andrews University V Imperial College, London (9949)

8.30 Delia Smith's Winter Collection. Broccofi soufflé with three cheeses, red onlon tarte tatin and a warm requefort cheesecake with pears in balsamic vinalgrette. (6126)

9.00 Victoria Wood as Seen on TV (r) (Ceefax) (4126) 9.30 Under the Sun. (Ceefax) (s) (700855)

10.20 What the Papers Say. Presented by Paul Foot (s) 10.30 Newsnight. (Ceelax) (357107)



The economist J. K. Galbraith (11.15pm)

11.15 The Big Idea (s) (429107)

11.45 Weather (219958)

11.50 Midnight Hour. Political chet show (s) (492039) 12.30am-6.00 The Learning Zone

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Professionals in the marriage market (9.30pm)

Under the Sun: Singapore Singles BBC2, 9.30pm

The Singapore Government is worried about its bright young citizens. Instead of getting married and producing the bright young citizens of the future, they are too busy pursuing careers and making money Advertising campaigns proclaim that "life is lonely vithout a family - don't leave it too late". There are generous lax advantages to educated women who have children. The Government has even set up a dating agency aimed specifically at university graduates. In Jenny De Yong's film three successful young professionals, who have so far enjoyed the single life, take the agency's weekend cruise. They have 24 hours to find a partner, a fact which imparts pace and urgency to a hitherto dawdling narrative.

Short and Curiles: The Pan Loaf Channel 4.9.45pm

The slot which gives new film-makers 11 minutes to make their mark returns with a moody piece from writer and director Sean Hinds. Set in Belfast, it reflects a time before the ceasefire when security forces roamed the streets looking for troublemakers and it was better to pretend not to be a Catholic in a Protestant area. Hinds bases his quirky narrative around the quest of two students, Catholic male and Protestant female, for a loaf of bread in the middle of streets are suitably dark and menacing. Hinds is clearly a name to watch but it is a pity he gives his characters language that belongs more to the building site than the university campus.

Channel 4.8_30pm

When a European magazine compiled its list of the 100 sexiest women of all time, Marianne Faithfull came in at number 31. She was thrilled to bits, especially as she Faithfull reveals her pleasure during a travel piece about Jamaica, and although it has no relevance to the subject, it is what most viewers will probably remember longest. As for Jamaica, the images say rather more than Faithfull's words. Pete McCarthy, on the other hand, is a wordsmith, as he demonstrates during a circumnavigation of London by canal. Far from being a discarded relic of the early Industrial Revolution, the waterway is not only busy but a surprisingly quick way of getting about.

The Big Idea BBC2, 11.15pm

It is egghead week on BRC2, though some viewers may resent having to wait until bedtime for intelligent conversation. To the revival of *The Brains Trust* in this slot on Mondays is added a new run of the series in which leading thinkers are questioned by the journalist Andrew Marr. The first subject is the sprightly. 87-year-old Professor J.K. Galbraith, who continues to prove that you can be an economist and witty with it. Unfashionably, he argues that governments should intervene in the economy to help the deprived and promote a juster social order. In a typically bold aphorism, he maintains that a progressive income tax is one of the great civilising influences of our time.

Peter Waymark

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6.00am GMTV (2933584) 9.25 Win, Lose or Draw (s) (4486478)

9.55 London Today (Teletext) (6352720) 10.00 The Time . . . The Place (s) (1206316)

10.35 This Morning (57374126) 12.20pm London Today (Teletext) (6418565) 12.30 JTN News (Teletext) (6895687)

12.55 Home and Away (Teletext) (6707478) 1.25 Chain Letters (Teletext) (s) (32159923) 1.55 Shortland Street (64412923) 2.20 Vanessa (Teletext) (s) (18125671) 2.50 Material

World: Death of a Salesman. Last in the series 3.20 ITN News headlines (2304671) 3.25 London

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(Teletext) (s) (7912403) 5.10 After 5 with Caron Keating. Followed by The Missing File (6282652)

5.40 ITN News and weather (Teletext) (172403) 5.55 Your Shout. Viewers air their views (997720) 6.00 Home and Away (r) (Teletext) (687)

6.30 London Tonight (Teletext) (869) 7.00 Wish You Were Here . . .? Judith Chaimers travels through Guatemala on her way to the Mexican beach of Cancun. Plus Palma, Majorca, and the highlands and islands of Argyll. (Teletext) (5497)



Jack (Bill Tarmey) is in trouble (7.30pm)

7.30 Coronation Street Jack nets oriel for fraternsing with the enemy and news of Ken and Denise's comeback begins to filter through to the neighbours. (Teletext) (923)

8.00 The Match Live: Coca-Cola Cup Quarter-Final Arsenal v Newcastle United. Bob Wilson introduces coverage from Highbury as Arsenal take on Newcastle United. Commentary by Brian Moore and Ron Atkinson. (6403)

10.00 ITN News at Ten and weather (Teletext) (32145) 10.30 London Tonight and weather (Teletext) (565749) 10.40 FILM: Rent-A-Cop (1987) staming Burt Reynolds as a disgraced Chicago policeman and Liza Minnelli as a prostitule. Frank Church (Reynolds) is suspended from the torce for negligence after his crew is gunned down in a botched drug operation He takes a job as a private detective in a departmen store but fate reunites him with two of the key figures from the night of the bloodbath. Directed by Jerry

12.30am Profile of Nick Heyward (s) (6212879) 12.40 God's Gift (7785332)

1.40 Dear Nick (4830072) 2.40 The Good Sex Guide . . . Late Ir) (s) (7526782)

3.35 Jones and Jury: The Rabid Realtor (66906546) 4.00 Late & Loud (r) (s) (2617817)

4.55 The Time . . . The Place (r) (s) (1785695) 5,30 ITN Morning News (19430)

CHANNEL 4

6.35am Think Tank (r) (Teletext) (s) 7.00 The Big Breakfast (32861)

9.00 Fifteen to One (1) (Telelent) (s) (16294) 9.30 Stand Still, Be Fit (1) (s) (3527836)

9.45 FILM: With a Song in my Heart (1952). A biopic of the singer Jane Froman, who made a courageous fightback to stardom after an air crash during the Second World War. Starring Susan Hayward and directed by Walter Lang (82602720)

11.55 Migrations (1573213) 12.00 House to House Political discussion (59818)

12.30pm Sesame Street (28774) 1.30 Madeline (76375774) 1.55 FILM: What Price Glory? (1952). A remake of a sitent classic set during the First World War Two

American Marines in France are in romantic conflict over an innkeeper's beautiful daughter. Starring James Cagney, Dan Dailey and Corinne Calvet Directed by John Ford (Teletext) (93265958) 4.00 Backdate (Teletext) (s) (652) 4.30 Countdown

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through the four tricky worlds (r) (Teletext) (s) (32720) 7.00 Channel 4 News. (Teletext) (661519)

7.55 The Slot (808942) 8.00 Brookside. It looks as though the affair between Lindsey and Mike could be over before it begins. And Katie, to add to her woes, gets some unsettling information about her mother. (Teletext) (s) (5687)

8.30 THORE Travelog. (Teletext) (s) (1294)

9.00 Dispatches. A look at the rise in acts of persecution ot elderly people by children. (Teletext) (165687)



Conor Grimes and Emma O'Neill (9.45pm)

9.45 Short and Curlies. (Teletext)

10.00 ER: Summer Run American medical drama

senes (Teletext) (s) (484045) 10.55 Friends: The One with the Sonogram at the End. Ross is devastated when he discovers his former wife is pregnant with their child (r). (Teletext) (s)

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POINT-TO-POINT **FIXTURES FOR** THE 1996 SEASON

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WEDNESDAY JANUARY 10 1996

South Africa win first one-day international

England reveal old limitations

CAPE TOWN (South Africa won toss): South Africa beat England by six runs

ENGLAND'S batting col-lapsed for the third time in nine days to hand South Africa victory in the first oneday international at Newlands last night. Chasing 212 to win. they were cruising at 155 for three in the 37th over with Fairbrother and Thorpe, the left-handers, going well but the return to the attack of Shaun Pollock, the man of the match by some distance, set a flurry of wickets falling and put England up against the

Fairbrother, having put on 61 for the fourth wicket with Thorpe, holed out to mid-on and White and Reeve both failed to live up to their status as all-rounders. Thorpe, having batted as well as at any time on the tour, was left stranded with the tail.

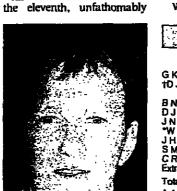
Thorpe fell in the 48th over, when he skyed a ball from McMillan to midwicket, where Matthews took a fine running catch. In the final over, Gough was bowled by Pollock, who finished with four wickets to add to his 66

It was South Africa's first victory in five limited-overs internationals with England and they will look back and wonder how they did it. Until the collapse, they had not been

It had been a disciplined allround performance by England, marred only by the last 80 minutes of the South Africa innings, when they again allowed tailenders - even if Pollock may soon outgrow that description - to dictate terms to them. just as they did in the closing stages of the Western Province match and when Adams and Richardson turned round the last Test

South Africa's early batsmen, though, were generous in the extreme. They gave away five of the first six wickets, four of which went to catches at the wicket by Stewart, who thus equalled the England limited-overs record. The early parts played by Cork and Martin, however, should not be underestimated. They swung the ball consistently and created all sorts of

South Africa's strategy to promote Richardson and Mc-Millan in the order failed. With Kirsten leg-before to an inswinger from Cork, McMil-lan was at the wicket in the third over and out by the sixth. while Richardson was out in



chasing a wide ball from Martin. Richardson hit over the ring of fielders only twice and Rhodes had to assume the role of aggressor, but the task was beyond him, too.

The dismissal of Cronje, who with Kallis pulled things round from the depths of 77 for the way full of income Cronic five, was full of irony. Cronje had been instrumental - if unlawfully so - in the run out of Thorpe last week and the roles were now reversed. A fine stop on the boundary and throw by Thorpe caught Cron-je out of his ground, looking for a third run, which Kallis saw was not for the taking.

Kallis continued to play maturely and for the first time for South Africa lived up to the glowing testimonies he has inspired. Pollock was no less impressive and this pair, with a combined age of just 42 and both playing their first limited-overs internationals, added

SCOREBOARD

SOUTH AFRICA

Total (8 wkts, 50 overs) 211 A A Donald and P R Adams did not

par.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-12, 2-20, 3-44, 4-57, 5-77, 6-107, 7-152, 8-211.
BOWLING: Cork 10-0-51-2; Martin 10-1-34-2; Gough 9-0-39-0; Reeve 9-1-40-1; White 10-1-31-2; Smith 2-0-9-0-0-0

ENGLAND *M A Atherton b Donald G A Hick Ibw b Donald G P Thorpe c Matthews b McMillan N H Fairbrother c Adams

White c and b Pollock D A Reeve c Richardson b Matthews D G Cork run out 7 N M K Smith c McMillan b Poliock 3 D Gough b Poliock..... P J Martin not out

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-59, 2-64, 3-95, 4-155, 5-161, 6-168, 7-177, 8-189, 9-199.

Umpires: D. L. Orchard and C. Leibenberg

over could have brought them further riches but the extra bounce he extracts undid Kallis, who skyed a catch to deep midwicket. But with Matthews ably holding up an end. Pollock magnificently cut loose and the last five overs of the innings reaped 49 runs and spoilt Cork's figures in the

Pollock's share was 36 and raised his score to 66 at a run a ball. His stand of 59 with Matthews was an eighthwicket record for South Africa in these matches and on the evidence of recent weeks he will be a wonderful acquisi-tion for Warwickshire.

Atherton and Stewart, who put on 59 for England's first wicket, enjoyed no little fuck before Donald came on as first change and played his first part of the day. In his opening over, he found Atherton's outside edge and McMillan who had earlier engaged in another spat with Cork claimed a catch at slip, but the infamous umpire Orchard conferred with his colleague, Leibenberg, and ruled that the ball had touched the ground. Donald's next hall was so fast it not only took Atherton's edge again but beat Richard-

son's flailing glove as well. Donald had his revenge. In

his next over Stewart, who had

been his jittery self, was leg-

before and in his third a superb outswinger plucked out Atherton's off stump. Hick was at the crease only briefly before he, too, fell to Donald, but he nevertheless played a large part in Adams's swift removal from the attack. ☐ Sri Lanka revived their hopes of reaching the final of the World Series Cup final with a three-wicket victory over Australia before a crowd of 60,000 at Melbourne yesterday. After holding Australia to 213 for five in their 50 overs. Sri Lanka scored 214 for seven in 47.3 overs, wicketkeeper Romesh Kaluwitharana justifying his promotion to opener with a sparkling 77 from 79 balls. A partnership of 159 for Australia between Ricky Ponting and Michael Bevan was a record for the fifth wicket in limited-overs

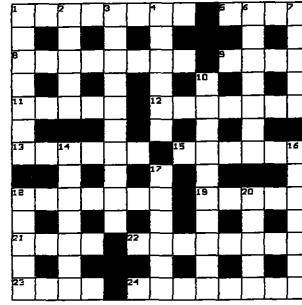
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internationals.



Pollock crashes a delivery from Gough through the off side during his innings of 66 for South Africa yesterday

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22 Relaxed; without ceremony 23 By mouth (4)

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24 Aesthetically (pleasantly)

Brief sample; a liking (5)

Easy-money source (5.5) Severe shock (b)

Similar pair: old jacket (7) Wise men (5)

10 Acting on whim (10) 14 - Dobson (Beerbohm) (7)

36 To put at a loss (7)

17 Complain fretfully (6) 18 Volley of fire (5) 20 Low dance under bar (5)

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Anderton relieves Venables burden

BY DAVID MADDOCK

TERRY VENABLES may not have had much to smile about of late, given the decidedly unenthusiastic response of some members of the Football Association's international committee to his promptings for a new contract, but some of the gloom afflicting the England manager was lifted yesterday when Darren Anderton

returned to training. Anderton, the one unqualified success of the Venables tenancy, has not played for his country since last summer, when he provided the little

Anderton: in training

optimism that came out of the Umbro Cup, This season he has managed just four games for his club, Tottenham Hotspur, after a hernia operation in the summer and subsequent surgery on a groin

There has been concern that the player, widely seen as important to England's chance of success in the European Championship finals, had suffered a more serious injury than was first thought. Anderton allayed any lears

that he could be back in action by the end of this month. That opportunity of recalling him to the England squad for the international against Bulgaria on March 27.

"I feel there is light at the end of the tunnel," Anderton said. I am getting used to kicking a ball and running at full pace. I'm wary of the injury, but I hope to play in a game of some sort in the next three weeks or so.

"I expect to play a reserve-team game first, and take it slowly. Terry Venables has spoken to me and he has said to use my head and take my time. But I feel much happier now that I am able to kick a ball again."

Anderton would offer Venables valuable options both in midfield and on the wing as he prepares his squad for the task of hosting the championship.

Gerry Francis, the Tottenham manager, believes that the player could soon be ready to make an international impact once more. "It is nice to see a smile on Darren's face," he said. "He has worked with the ball for the first time in a while, and we are very happy with his progress."

☐ Marc Hottiger will this morning join Everton, from Newcastle United, for a fee of £700,000. The 27-year-old Switzerland international defender must wait for a new work permit to be issued before appearing for his new club. West Ham United have accepted a £1.2 million offer from Sheffield United for Don Hutchison. The midfield player will make a decision this

Orient defender fails drug test

By JOHN GOODBODY

FOOTBALL suffered another blow to its reputation yesterday when a Leyton Orient defender was found positive for cocaine after a Football League game at Barnet on

November 25. Roger Stanislaus, 27. is the first English player to have been found positive for a performance-enhancing substance after a professional match and he now faces being

banned from the game. He has asked the Football Association (FA) for a personal hearing but can still represent the Endsleigh Insurance League third division club until the case is heard. However. Orient may decide to rest" the player.

Barry Hearn, the Orient chairman, said: "The issue for us is what our attitude is while we wait for the FA hearing. Obviously, we are a family club and we have to take that into account. I will be discussing the matter with our manager. Pat Holland. Hopefully, in the next few days, we will know what is what."

Last season, eight professional players were found to have used marijuana. Two more had taken amphetamines, although one of them turned out to be the victim of a spiked drink. Most serious of all, Paul Merson, the England and Arsenal forward, admirted that he had used cocaine.

This drug may be common-ly used for recreational purposes but it can also improve a player's performance. The analysis was carried out at the Chelsea laboratory accredited by the International Olympic Committee at King's College, London University. Its director. Dr David Cowan, said:

There is no question that cocaine improves alertness. It can sustain stamina and en-durance. It might also help a player through the pain

barrier." It is understood that Stanislaus must have taken this particular drug within three days of giving the sam-ple for traces to have been revealed in the analysis.

Last May, the FA launched a campaign to dissuade youngsters from taking drugs. Leaflets and a video are being shown to 15,000 players at 146



Stanislaus facing ban

centres of excellence this sea son. Graham Kelly, the FA's chief executive, described the campaign as "one of the most important with which the FA has ever been involved", although he pointed out that drug-taking "permeates the whole of society and football is not immune".

The FA has also increased the number of tests, particularly out of competition. This season, 280 will be carried out.

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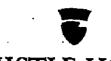
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